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ICHIGO TAKANO PRESENTS

高野苺

During the Spring of my 16th year,

I received a letter.

And it was sent to my home.

Takamiya Naho

Why was it sent ?

And who sent it...?

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ICHIGO TAKANO PRESENTS

高野苺

有你相伴的每一天與我的未來。

HUH?

Takamiya Naho

IT'S... FROM ME?

OPENS DOOR

OKAY~

NAHO! YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE!

I'LL READ THIS LATER TONIGHT.

April 6th:

The first time I've slept in.

I've thought of what I'm going to write in my diary today.

The letter...

!

OUR LESSON TODAY IS...

LET'S GET ALONG THIS YEAR AS WELL.

CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON MOVING UP A GRADE.

I guess I should take a look at it.

opens door

closes door

I'LL BRING HIM HERE SO WAIT A MINUTE.

AND TODAY I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU ALL TO SOMEONE.

Miss Takamiya Naha

To the me who is in second year high school, have you been well?

I am writing this to you from ten years in the future.

If you are wondering why I'm writing to you at this time, it's because I have something, no matter what, that I need to ask of you.

IS THIS SOME SORT OF PRANK?

AND IT'S "ME"...

10 YEARS IN THE FUTURE ...?

I hope you won't repeat the same mistakes.
In this letter, I'll write what will happen next
and when it will happen so that you
can select the right path.

『April 6th』

• In the morning, because you forgot to set your alarm clock for the first time ever, you overslept.

No way!

!

did they know?

How...

• There will be a student from Tokyo transferring into Class 6. His name is "Narise Kakeru"

DOOR OPENS!

KAKERU ...?

April 6th
ever, you overslept.
from Tokyo transferring
into Class 6, his name
is "Narise Kakeru"

TRANSFER STUDENT?

SFX: da da da
HEY QUIET DOWN
TRANSFER STUDENT NARUSE KAKERU
!

Blackboard: Naruse Kakeru
STARTING TODAY, HE'LL BE A PART OF OUR CLASS.

NARUSE COMES FROM TOKYO,

AND IT'S HIS FIRST TIME LIVING IN NAGANO

NARUSE, INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

is really true?

This..

It's true?

PLEASE... TAKE CARE OF ME.

AS FOR YOUR SEAT, YOU CAN SIT NEXT TO TAKAMIYA.

How...

name is "Naruse Kakeru"

He will sit next to you.

This must be

a coin-cidence.

This can't be right.

No way.

It has to be coin-cidence!

Naho! Let's go home together!

WAH!

DING DONG DING DONG DING DONG

AH!

KAKERU!

Eh? Can we? Awe-some!

For lunch, we can go to my house and have some bread!

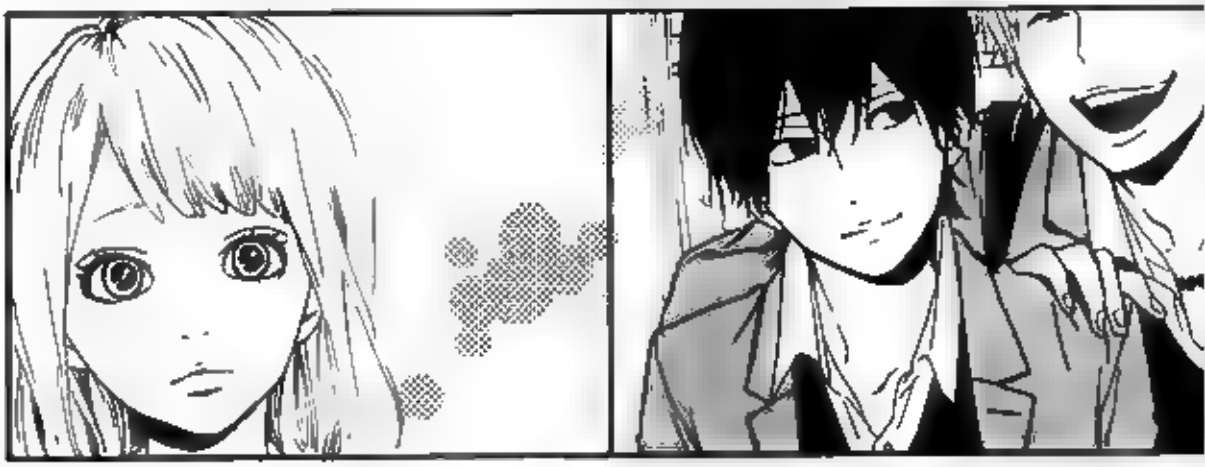
LET'S GO TOGETHER!

NO TODAY, I...
It's alright! Let's all get along!
Yeah, Kakeru kun!
Come over and have some bread!
Yes, her parents own a bakery!
It's really good
.....

• You'll invite Kakeru to walk home together, but he'll say no.

◎ But I hope that you guys won't invite Kakeru on that day. Absolutely not.

I should
talk about it with the others.
IF IT'S ONLY FOR A BIT..
Alright! Let's go to my house!
That's great!
But...
would they believe me?



If we invite him, will there be some sort of problem?
Then let's all introduce ourselves!

KAYANO TAKAKO.
NICE TO MEET YOU
You can call me Azusa!
SHE'S MURASAKA AZUSA.
HAGITA SAKU.
YOU CAN CALL ME SUWA!
AND I'M SUWA HIROTO.
TAKAMIYA NAHO.

*No. 2 Azusa: the debut song of boy band Kariudo (which means hunter).
That's where I got my name!
AH, YEAH
DO YOU KNOW "NO.2 AZUSA" BY KARIUDO*?

*Matagi: traditional winter hunters of the Tohoku region of northern Japan

AZUSA?
Ah? You figured it out?
Kakeru-kun, what did you take to come here from Tokyo?
TOKKYU-AZUSA*
Really? How awe-some!
How is that awe-some?

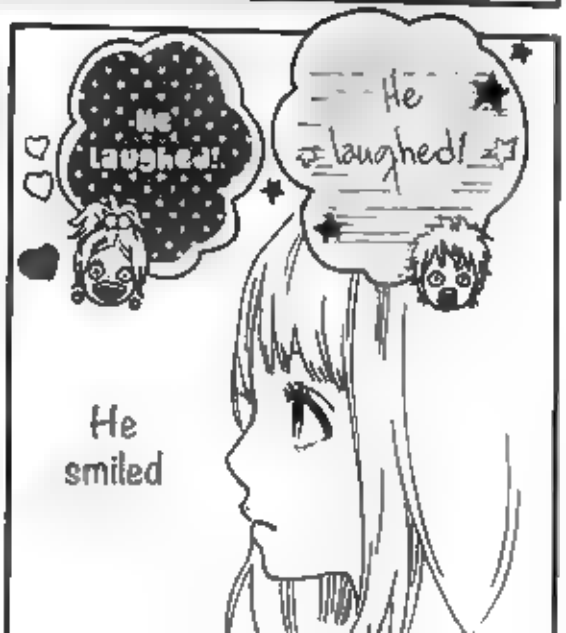
*T/N Tokkyuazusa: a bullet train in Japan.

WELL, YOU'RE "SLANTY GLASSES"!
SINCE YOUR GLASSES ARE AL-WAYS CROOKED!
SO NOISY! GO TAKE THE 8 O'CLOCK AZUSA"!
BUT THERE'S NO AZUSA DEPARTING AT 8 O' CLOCK.
MY DAD USED TO SING "NO 2 AZUSA" AT KARAOKE.
AND THERE WAS A PV* TOO
EH? I WANT TO SEE!
By the way, how excited can you guys get talking about Kariudo?

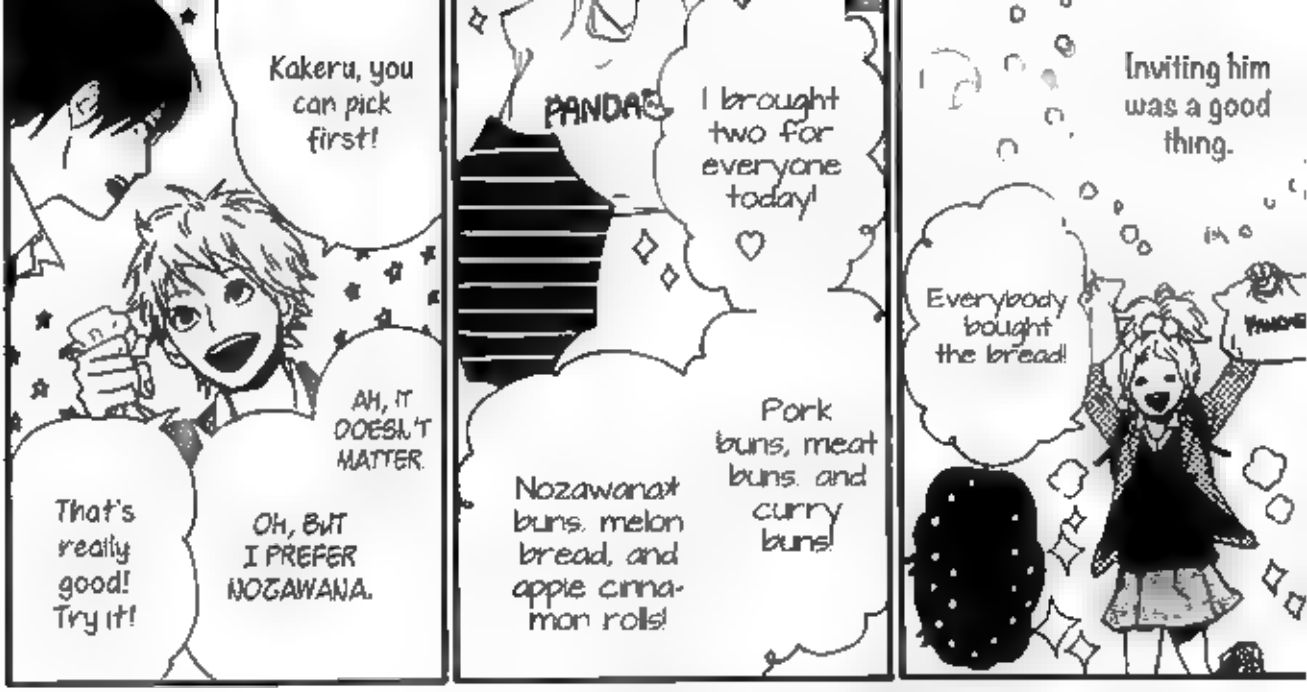
*T/N This may be translated wrong. It has something to do with the lyrics of the song "No. 2 Azusa".

What is this?

This is good.



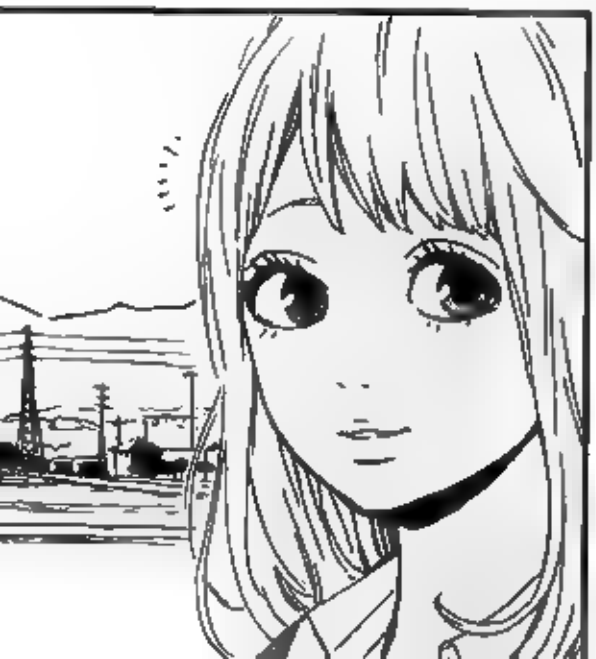
He smiled


Kakeru, you can pick first!
That's really good! Try it!
AH, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
OH, BUT I PREFER NOZAWANA.
PANDA!
I brought two for everyone today!
Nozawana* buns, melon bread, and apple cinnamon rolls!
Pork buns, meat buns, and curry buns!
Everybody bought the bread!
Inviting him was a good thing.

*Nozawana Japanese leaf vegetable, often pickled.

REALLY? ARE YOU JUST BEING COURTEOUS?
No, it's true! I really don't mind!
If someone wants it then it'd be really bad if I said I wanted it too.
...I DON'T REALLY MIND..
I really like the curry bread from Azusa's bakery.

Naho prefers sweets so she can have a melon bread and an apple cinnamon!
It's really yummy!
Kakeru-kun should take the curry bread!
THEN EVERYONE CAN PICK THE ONE THEY WANT.
Then I want the other Nozawana bun!
I WANT APPLE CINNAMON. ♡
DON'T JOKE WITH ME! I WANT THE NOZAWANA BUN!
Everyone wants to eat it.
That's great.
that I didn't say I wanted to the curry bread
YOU CAN EAT IT WHENEVER YOU WANT!
EH?! I WANT IT!
THEN I'LL TAKE THE CURRY BREAD
GIVE IT TO ME!



I'LL TRADE YOU THE MELON BREAD FOR IT!
THE CURRY BREAD
THANK YOU.
MMM... HERE.

He noticed it
that he traded with me?
Did I make a face that I wanted the curry bread?
Is it because
Perhaps,
he noticed?

April 6th (Friday)

I slept in for the first time in my life.

It was only a half day at school

Transfer student Naruse Kakeru sits next to me

Inviting Kakeru-kun to go home with us, as everyone takes a stroll in the sunset.

I walked behind Kakeru kun.

BYE!

SEE YOU!

AH!

KAKERU!

CAN I CALL YOU THAT*?

*T/N: Calling someone by their first name without honorifics indicates a very close relationship.

PLEASE CALL ME THAT.
YEAH.
closes
I've decided that starting on Monday, I'll call him "Kakeru."
Today's diary entry is written,
what else should I write...?

It actually...
says everything that happened today.
FROM SLEEPING IN,
TO GOING HOME TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE
If this letter
was really sent by me 10 years in the future,
it was probably written by looking at my diary.
IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME
.....
walked behind Kakeru
starting on Monday I'm
call him "Kakeru"
Besides ...
It's just like what I wrote in my diary ....

Ah...

Really

This...

SHAA

SFX pasha!

I'm scared.

If this is real...

The future or whatever,

I don't know to know about it.

If it's like that,

then I don't want to see it.

I'M GOING FIRST

..EH

...AH

HAVE YOU TAKEN NOTICE OF HIM?

KAKERU

EH...

EH?!

SHE LEFT FIRST.

EH~ WHAT'S WRONG WITH NAHO ?!

. YEAH

WE SAID THAT WE'D GO TO CHEMISTRY CLASS TO-GETHER!

ROAR

KAKERU -KUN?!

SHE'S PRETTY CONCERNED ABOUT KAKERU.

What did he mean when he said "noticed"?!

For two weeks

after that,

SFX
Pa-ha

Ofo-Of

Kakeru kun

didn't come to school.

The reason why Kakeru -kun hasn't been coming to school,

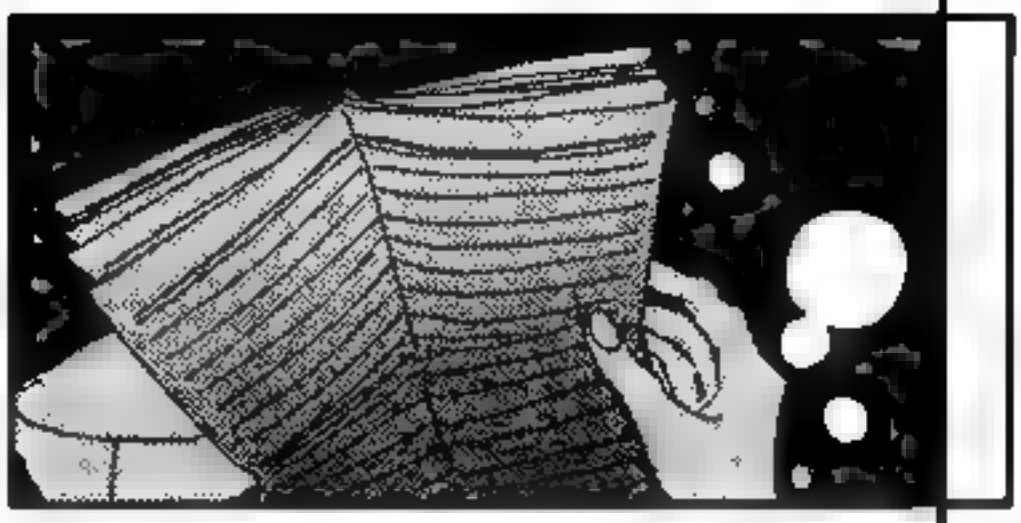
Maybe ..

It's written in this letter...?

Perhaps,

I hope you guys won't invite Kakeru on that day

does it have something to do with that...?



『April 20th』

- The big game
- During the softball game, I was asked to be a batter
- I really regret saying no. I hope you won't refuse this time, and accept everyone's request

- That day, I fell in love with Kakeru

We're not even on the basketball team

You're always being used.

The letter didn't explain the reason for Kakeru kun's absence.

SORRY I WAS ASKED TO GET THE BALLS.

We're up first!

NAHO!

I think, if that day,

we didn't invite Kakeru-kun,

maybe it could have prevented
that scenario from happening.

KAKERU
-KUN?!

Kakeru!

AH, I mean,

EH?! IT'S KAKERU!

Yo~ Kakeru!

Ah,

it's just like two weeks ago.

That's great.

KAKERU, WHAT HAPPENED THAT YOU WERE ABSENT FOR TWO WEEKS?

SLACKING OFF.

That's all there is to it?

Slacking off?

THEN WE'RE GOING TO OUR GAME!

COME CHEER US ON!

WE SHOULD BE SAY-ING THAT

AH..
NO. I'M IN CHARGE OF FIRST AID.
EH? WHY?
I DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL SO I COULDN'T PRACTICE
HER PITCHING IS GREAT!
Everything's okay since Naho's here!
Relax, relax!
WAH!
RUN FASTER!
Kyaa~ Hagita~
KAKERU, ARE YOU PARTICIPATING?
EH...?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FOOT?
So serious
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THAT KIND OF THING DOESN'T MATTER.
SOFTBALL.

DOES IT HURT?

HAVE YOU BEEN WEARING THEM SINCE FIRST YEAR?

YEAH... I MISSED THE CHANCE TO SPEAK UP, SO...

IT SEEMS LIKE I MADE A SIZING MISTAKE WHEN I ASKED FOR THEM...

SMALL?

AH

YEAH...

MY SHOES ARE A BIT

SUWA

IS IN THE SOCCER GAME?

AH, YEAH.

HE'S REALLY GOOD.

HMM... MMM.

"Really good" ...?

Ahh~

Hagita really sucks~

.....

TOTALLY CAN'T TELL

Oo.

The game is almost over!

Naho~

Group 6 VS Group 3

5 6

NAHO, THIS IS OUR ONE AND ONLY RE-QUEST!

PLEASE BE OUR SUB-STITUTE BATTER!

Being on the softball team or whatever was from middle school

2 bases loaded ....

If I hit it then we'll win.

Naho, all you have to do is hit a home run and we'll win!

IF IT'S NAHO FROM THE SOFT-BALL TEAM THEN IT'S NO PROB-LEM!

I can't! Under such circum-stances!

It really came!

But if I don't

Then we'll lose...

I...

I can't...

Everyone has expec tations for me,

but I don't have confi dence.

I M TOO NERV-OUS

I'm...

I can't... sorry...

Even if I went out,

we'd definitely lose.

Eh?!

Please, Naho~

NO... I'M NOT HURT

I'M THE ONE TO BLAME.

EH...?

WHEN... NAHO IS HURT?

SHE HURT HER FOOT.

DON'T PRESSURE HER.

!

Then..

I'll do it!

"After Azusa takes my place on the field, we lost the game."

The letter says

But there's a chance I may strikeout, so you'll have to forgive me~

and "I really regret saying no."

The letter says that I should "accept their requests"

really a good idea?

Is refusing

pushing the responsibility onto my friend.

I will definitely regret it...

AC-

ACTUALLY, I'LL DO IT!

That's terrible.

I'm just running away.

Not doing the things I am supposed to do

The "present" me doesn't want that feeling to stay with me for ten years.

IT'S OKAY!

No.

NAHO...?

HEY, YOUR LEG!

IT'LL BE OKAY!

But a regretful heart won't change for another ten years

The pain will go away eventually.

Who cares about my leg? It's not a problem at all.

The letter says

that it's a ball I can definitely hit.

SFX: pa!

"The first ball is a curve ball."

SO SLOW

I CAN HIT IT

"A low angle ball."

"The second pitch is a fast-ball."

SFX: shuu

I can hit it.

SFX: pang dang dang

home run!

SHAA!

SFX kyaa

NAHO!

YOU'RE AMAZING!

This is great

The me who has always been weak and timid,

for the first time,

has succeeded.

GROUP 6 VS GROUP 3

9 6

Naho!

Run~ You need to step on the home plate!

Ah!

because of Suwa's spectacular performance, was won by them as well.

The softball game was won by our class. And Suwa's soccer game,

NAHO, LET'S GO BACK TO CLASS.

SORRY, YOU GUYS GO FIRST.

THE AMBULANCE HAS COME

Infirm-ary...

WOBBLE

Hurts so much I can barely walk.

My foot... is at its limit...

WOBBLE

LET ME SEE YOUR FOOT.

It-

It's okay.

SIT DOWN.

JUST HOLD STILL.

OW!

NEED TO DISINFECT IT.

AHH,

SO IT *IS* BECAUSE OF YOUR SHOE.

IF YOU ARE ALWAYS SUPPRESSING YOURSELF,

THE ONLY ONE MISSING OUT IS YOU.

IT WAS A LITTLE BIT TOO LATE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MY SHOES,

SO I JUST ENDURED IT

*T/N: P.E stands for Physical Education. Or gym class.

. OKAY

IF YOUR SHOE ISN'T THE RIGHT SIZE YOU NEED TO SPEAK UP.

BUT FOR P E * IT WON'T AFFECT MUCH.

IF IT'S GOING TO CAUSE THE PEOPLE NEXT TO ME ANY TROUBLE,

THEN I'D RATHER SUFFER ON MY OWN.

NOBODY NOTICED ANYWAY SO IF I ENDURED IT ON MY OWN, THEN IT WON'T GO BY MUCH FASTER.

IT WAS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

I SAW IT

AND

I NOTICED.

So he did notice...

ALRIGHT,

BE CARE-FUL.

THANK YOU.

MMM.

KAKERU TOO!

IF YOU WANTED TO PLAY SOCCER, THEN YOU SHOULD JUST SAY IT!

BECAUSE I AM ALSO LOOKING AT YOU, KAKERU!

I'M LOOKING AT YOU!

THAT HOME RUN JUST NOW WAS PRETTY COOL.

NEXT YEAR, I'LL DEFINITELY PARTICIPATE.

JUST WATCH! I'LL PLAY EVEN BETTER THAN SUWA!

all came true.

The things that were written in the letter

YEAH!

FOR SURE!

• That day, I fell in love with Kakeru.

has she let go of this re-gret?

The me living 10 years in the future,

I was happy to hear him say

"I no-ticed."

EH, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THOSE?

LOOK AT THESE FLOWERS. PRETTY, RIGHT?

THEY'RE FOR KAKERU.

NAHO!

NE!

IT'S OKAY!

EH... KAKERU WON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF THING.

I WANT TO GO BACK TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS.

I WANT TO START OVER

DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT!

CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE 27 NOW

THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS BLOOMED EARLY THIS YEAR.

BY THE WAY, WHAT DID YOU BRING FOR KAKERU?

IT'S A SECRET.

WHA-?!

there are a lot of happy and joyful things that are waiting for you.

To the me ten years in the past,

I hope you can cherish this happiness.

And don't let that happiness die.

Finally, I want to tell you the most important reason for writing this letter.

The 26-year-old me,
walked away with many, many regrets.

I'm writing this letter because I don't want
the 16-year-old me to carry a lifetime of regret

Ten years later,
Kakeru is already no longer with us

Please don't just let the important
things go by so easily

And please, watch over
Kakeru closely.

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WELL, THE WORK HAS TO GET DONE SOME-HOW, RIGHT?
Now go on~
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY ON YOUR OWN?
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EH? I'LL HELP WITH RECRUIT-ING TOO!
WELL,
DAY OF THE RIVER IS ACTIVELY RECRUITING HELP RIGHT NOW.
We're hiring for all positions so we should have them very soon
BUT STILL, IT'S A LOT TO DO FOR ONE PERSON! TOO BAD WE DON'T HAVE ANY EXTRA HELP.
Especially translating...
WELL THEN,
WHILE I'M OUT, I'LL TRY TO FIND SOME HELPERS FOR US HERE!
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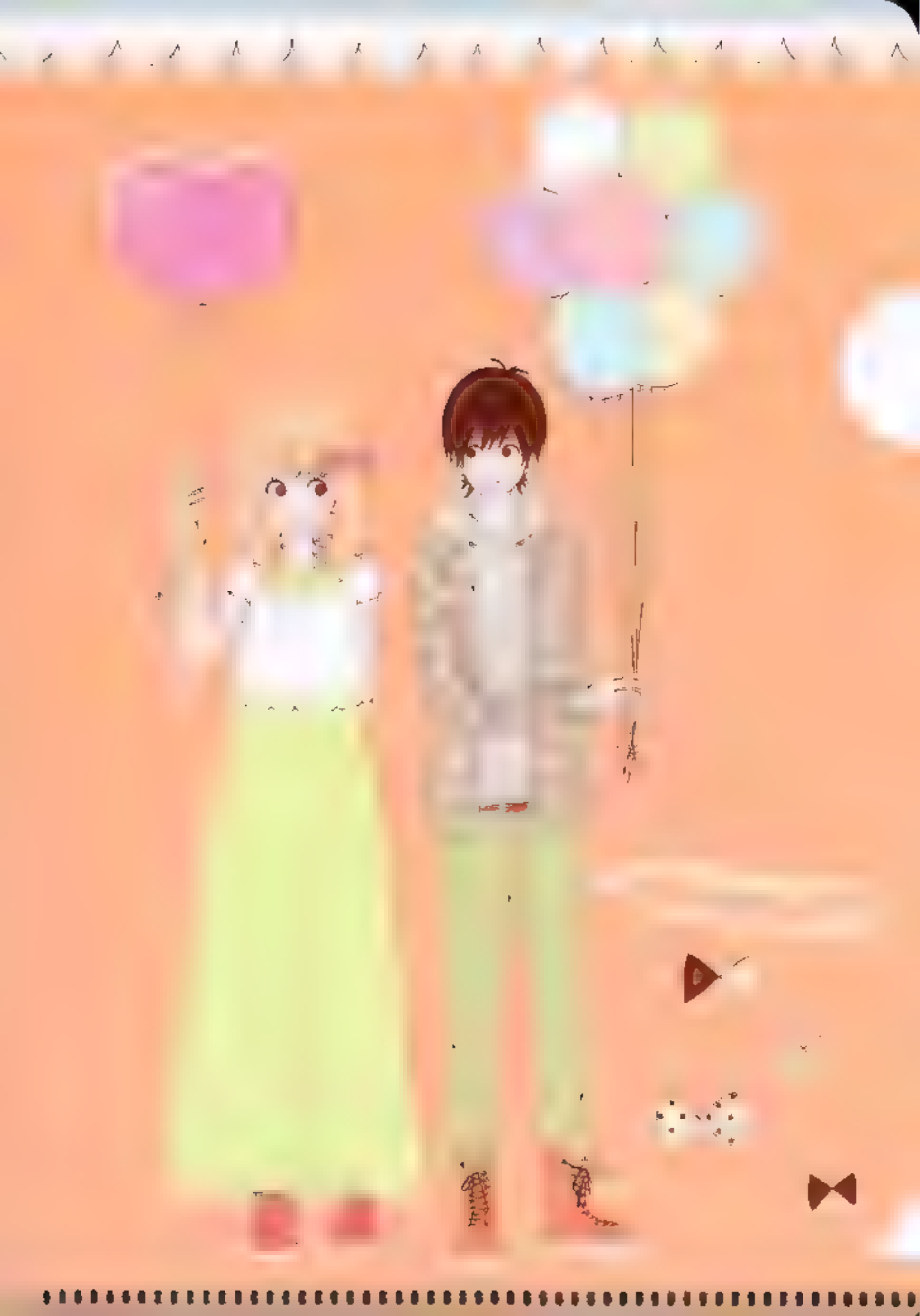

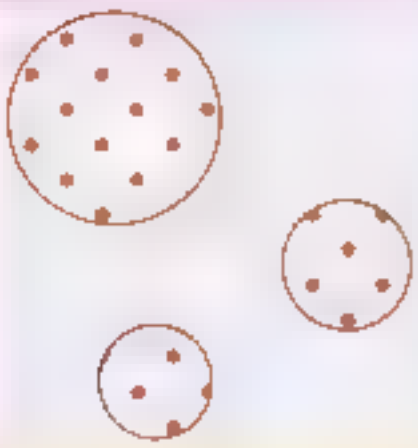

Gift from you, gift from me

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LETTER 2

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CHIHO TAKANO PRESENTS

高野苺

Ten years in the future, Kakeru isn't here.

orange STORY AND CHARACTERS

SUPPORT TAKANO!CHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

Suwa Hiroto

Murasaka Azusa

Hagita Saku

China Takako

『 April 23rd 』

- Kakeru joined the soccer club as a temporary player.

- He told us his Mom doesn't make him a lunch, so I said that I would make him one and bring it the next day.

NO LUNCH AGAIN TODAY?

YEAH...

MY MOM DOESN'T MAKE ME ONE, SO...

AH.

THE LETTER WAS RIGHT AGAIN.

It really is mysterious

HAGITA TOO. HIS MOM PROVIDES HIM WITH LUNCH EVERYDAY.

YEAH. EVERY MORNING THERE'S $5 ON THE TABLE.

KYAHAHA

You're getting bread too?

BUT YOU HAVE ONE SUWA.

YEAH, THIS ISN'T ENOUGH FOR ME.

SHUT UP, AZU.

THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE A BEAST

AHAHA

We're the same.

Don't group me with you.

SUPPORT TAKAHO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

That is the only part

that I can't believe.

Ten years in the future, Kakeru isn't here.

KAKERU...

DIED?

K-A-KERU!!!

SURE!

YOU BUSY TODAY?

UH...WHY? ô ô

NAHO!

COME SHOPPING WITH US ON THE WAY HOME. ♫

SUPPORT TAKANOICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

THAT YOU SAID YOU WERE BETTER AT SOCCER THAN I AM?

GASP

WON'T YOU COME CHECK OUT THE SOCCER CLUB?!

EH...WHY?

"WHY"? I HEARD, YA KNOW.

??

EH

RIGHT, NAHO?

YE-

YEAH...

SO-SORR-

NAHO!

DON'T TELL PEOPLE!

KON

HE... JUST HIT ME.

AND HE CALLED ME "NAHO" FOR THE FIRST TIME.

HAHA...

WHAT WAS WITH THAT, KAKERU?

WHAT WAS WHAT?

IS THAT POPULAR IN TOKYO?!

OF COURSE NOT!

ALRIGHT, KAKERU, LET'S GO!!

SQUEEZE

SQUEEZE

EH—

clink

AH, WAIT!

SOMEONE LOST A BUTTON!

IS IT SUWA'S OR KAKERU'S?

AH, IT'S MINE.

I CAUGHT IT ON SOMETHING THIS MORNING.

They'll get mad.

YOU CAN? NOW?

YEAH. I HAVE A MINI SEWING KIT WITH ME.

I CAN SEW IT BACK ON FOR YOU!

THEN I GUESS IT'S OKAY.

IT'S NO PROB!

THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, NAHO.

SUPPORT YAZAWA ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

KAKERU WILL BE THERE.

WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, COME SEE THE CLUB, TOO.

I'm free on Sunday

NAHO'S COMING SHOPPING WITH US AT PARCO TODAY.

JUST GO ON SUNDAY. I'LL COME TOO.

NO BOYS. IT'S A GIRLS ONLY DAY.

KAKERU WILL BE THERE TOO.

SURE!

COME TO THE CLUB?

WHAT WAS THAT?

pfft

NOTHING.

HAGITA, YOU COME TOO.
YEAH, US TOO!!
THEN, EVERYBODY'S WAITING!
SORRY. I HAVE TO WATCH "EVENING GET".
It's a show about Nagano that starts at 4:30
Mine Ryuta is guest starring tonight
"Evening GET"?
??
HAHA, HAGITA RAN AWAY!
IT FEELS LIKE
WE WILL BE THIS CLOSE
FOREVER.

SUPPORT TAKAHASHI ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

GO SUWA!

GO KAKERU!

KAKERU IS RUNNING!

YAY

YAY

AND LAUGHING!

KAKERU!

PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

KAKERU IS GREAT, BUT DID YOU SEE ME?!

IT'S THANKS TO MY PASSING THAT HE SCORED!

Right?

Right

WE SAW YOUR GOAL! SO YOU'VE PLAYED BEFORE.

KAKERU, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!!

SHAA

YEAH, SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL..

You're great!

☆KYAA!!☆

That's true, but...

TAKAKO.

Yep Yep.

THE GUY WHO SCORES IS THE COOL ONE.

YEAH, WELL,

BUT-I-SUCK AT-WAKING UP, I CAN'T-MAKE IT TO MORNING PRACTICE!

THE TEAM SAID THAT YOU SHOULD JOIN, TOO.

They're SO angry if you don't.

OKAY?

Okay!

THEN JUST JOIN AS A TEMPORARY PLAYER! YOU ONLY COME IN THE AFTERNOON!

KAKERU'S JOINING THE CLUB STARTING TOMORROW.

WHA- I NEVER SAID THAT.

Suwa got his love wish!

But only temporary!

HE LOOKS HAPPY.

Yahoo!!

I GUESS TEMPORARY IS FINE.

AFTER 10 MINUTES

I knew that

he had to love soccer

NO, IT'S JUST...

YOU'RE LAUGHING!!

NAHO, YA KNOW...

WHAT?

PFFT

IT LOOKED LIKE THE ONE ON THE SLEEVE WAS GONNA BREAK, SO I FIXED THAT TOO.

OHHH!! THANKS!

OH, SUWA, I FIXED THE BUTTON.

YOU'RE LIKE A MOM.

WH-

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AND YOU

MAKE YOUR OWN LUNCH EVERYDAY, TOO!

It's always handmade!

SUPPORT TAKANO YCHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

haha

THAT'S COOL.

THEN MAKE ME LUNCH TOO.

SURE!

I'LL BRING ONE TOMORROW.

IT'S FINE!

I'M JUST KIDDING!

I'M GOING TO CHANGE IN THE CLUB ROOM.

ALRIGHT.

Just kidd ng...

JUST "KIDDING," HUH

PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH AGAIN, DEAR.

IT'S REALLY NOT THAT BAD FOR IT TO BE A LITTLE LATE, RIGHT?

I FORGOT TO TAKE THE ROUTING SLIP BACK.

BUT IT'S TIME FOR DINNER NOW.

...BUT I WANT TO MAKE HIM ONE...

BUT...

But would it be weird?

SHAA

AHH.

SHAA

So it would be weird.

Then I won't.

It's just He said he was "kidding."

Right.

『 April 23rd 』

• He told us his Mom didn't make him a lunch.

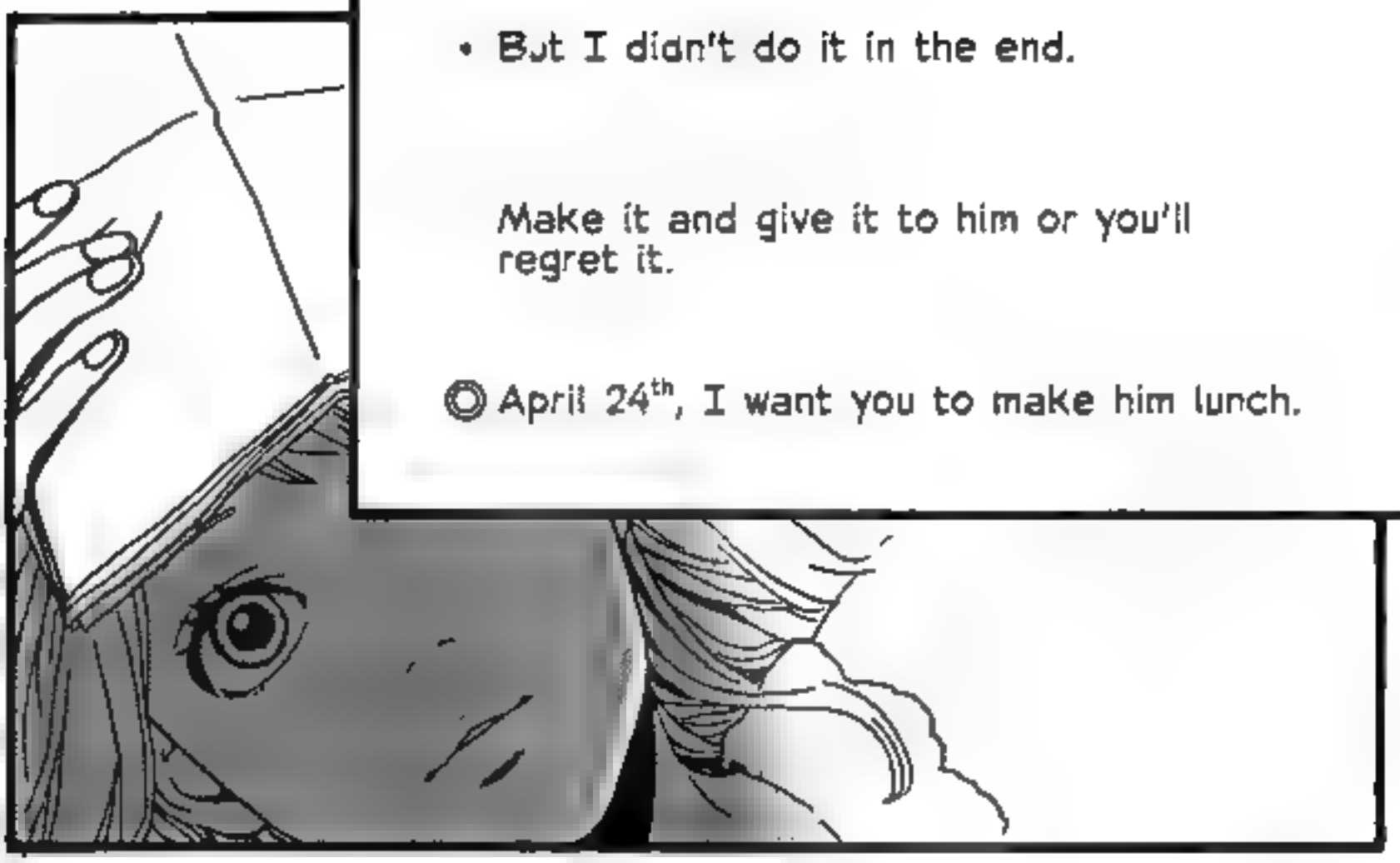
So I said that I would make him one and bring it the next day._

ROLL

• But I didn't do it in the end.

Make it and give it to him or you'll regret it.

◎ April 24th, I want you to make him lunch.



What will he think?

Will he hate it?

Will he be surprised?

Will he like it?

I'M LEAVING!

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOT SOMEONE

SHE LIKES.

So soon

Alright!

I'll just wait till lunch and put it on his desk (and then run).

It'll be fine if it's weird

It'll be fine. *FINE!*

GO-

GOOD- GOOD MORNING.

?

Good good?

MORNING.

BA-BUMP

"Kakeru."

"Kakeru,"

"I made your lunch."

KAKERU!

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

HAGITA! LET'S GO GET THAT BREAD.

B-I-G BONG

BONG

KAKERU, YOU GETTING SOME TOO?

"KAKERU"

Kaker

GATAN

YEAH, I AM.

"Kakeru,"

I COULDN'T SAY IT.

"I made your lunch."

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

BYE BYE!

LATER!

HUH?

WHERE'S AZU AND THE REST?

AZU AND TAKA ARE ON CLEANING DUTY

AND TOLD ME TO GO ON AHEAD.

I see

I'M WAITING TOO. FOR SUWA.

FOR CLUB?

YEAH.

And I'm only a temp

HEY, ISN'T YOUR BAG HUGE TODAY?

IT LOOKS HEAVY.

WANT ME TO CARRY IT?

!

WHAT'S IN IT?

The lunch!

DON'T!

SMACK

...SORRY.

If I hadn't made that lunch...

...SORRY.

...If it wasn't for that letter...

I'M SORRY...

I wish

It's my personality!

I hadn't read that letter.

This isn't something that can change easily.

SUPPORT TAKAHO IGNGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

OKAY.

KAKERU, LET'S HEAD HOME.

I'M SORRY!

NOW I'LL DISAP-PEAR

DASH

I'M SORRY ABOUT EARLIER!

KAKERU!

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

NAHO!

LET'S HEAD HOME TO-GETHER!

THEN, I'LL JUST GO ON AHEAD.

UH...

I'LL ASK TOMORROW.

LATER, NAHO!

AH...

THIS WASN'T IN THE LETTER.

WHAT'LL I DO?

IT'S JUST US.

What should I say?

WHERE DO YOU LIVE, NAHO?

UM...BY JOYAMA PARK.

KNOW WHERE THAT IS?

NOPE.

BY AGATA FOREST.

Ah, I've heard of that.

• I want you to help Kakeru whenever he looks troubled.

THAT'S ALL THE LETTER SAID ABOUT TODAY?

SHALL WE SIT?

UH... SURE.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN TO THE FUTURE ME.

Why are we sitting?

Now I'm really nervous.

Man, I'm hungry

But now, we aren't following the letter.

'I don't know what will happen— It's scary.

WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO AFTER YOU GET HOME?

I... USUALLY HELP MY MOM WITH DINNER.

WHAT ABOUT HOBBIES?

THERE'S NOTHING YOU LIKE TO DO?

CLEAN, I GUESS.

HA HA

SINCE HE WAS ASKING SO MANY QUESTIONS,

He is always laughing.

I THOUGHT IT WAS OKAY FOR ME TO ASK SOME AS WELL.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

WHAT DO YOU DO AT HOME?

VIDEO GAMES.

YOU LIKE THAT?

YEP

THEN YOU WERE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES FOR THAT TWO WEEK VACATION YOU TOOK?

YEAH.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE. HEAR YOU!

.....

..THEN WHAT ABOUT THE SOCCER CLUB?

WHY WON'T YOU JOIN?

YOU LOOKED...LIKE YOU WERE REALLY ENJOYING IT

MY MOM COMMITTED SUICIDE

THE DAY OF OPENING CEREMONY.

I THOUGHT IT WAS OKAY FOR ME TO ASK HIM STUFF.

I PROMISED MOM...I WOULDN'T JOIN A CLUB.

'CAUSE KAKERU HAD SO MANY QUESTIONS FOR ME.

I WAS ABSENT FOR THE FUNERAL AND THE MOVE.

SO

SORRY...FOR TALKING ABOUT SUCH STRANGE STUFF.

SORRY...

THAT I ASKED.

BUT IT'S NOT STRANGE.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

◎ On this day, I don't want you to invite him at all

That

happened?

On the day of opening ceremony, that "Don't invite him."

How could I ?

Could it be..

Have let them

invite him out with us?

The reason why I have that letter

He looks so sad

I have to

fulfill that promise.

Like this in just be repeating it all over again

SHALL WE?

Is to make sure that I erase all those regrets

...SURE.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

KAKERU!

To help

I MADE IT!

YOUR LUNCH!

I...DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL LIKE IT BUT,

HERE!

I PLANNED TO GIVE IT TO YOU AT LUNCH,

BUT I DIDN'T.

Should I disappear?

Run

far away?

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

I ACTUALLY REALLY WANTED YOU TO.

AND WONDERED IF YOU WOULD.

SO I'M REALLY HAPPY YOU DID.

THANK YOU!

NAHO.

On the way home, Kakeru held that lunch and smiled.

He looked like he was about to cry

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

TOMORROW

AND THE DAY AFTER.

EVERYDAY.

His smiles and laughter never change.

THEN I'LL BRING ONE AGAIN TOMORROW.

I'LL MAKE YOU LUNCH EVERYDAY.

AND IF YOU CAN'T GET UP IN THE MORNING,

I'LL CALL YOU

AND WAKE YOU UP!

SUPPORT TAKAHIO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

YOU ARE SUCH A MOM.

HIS SMILE REMAINS

TEN YEARS FROM NOW,

FOR-EVER AND

EVER

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU BRING THE CAR.

IT'S TOTALLY ALRIGHT.

IT'S FINE. I'M DRIVING.

T/N: I can't tell if it's a boy or a girl. _;

GOOD THING HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SUWA.

REALLY?

YEP, LOOKS JUST LIKE NAHO.

HEY NOW.

SHUT UP. IT'S MY BROTHER'S.

YOU DON'T HAVE A FAMILY YET, WHAT'S WITH THE MINI-VAN?

WHAT'S THIS?

Though he doesn't have a family either

SUPPORT TAKAHO KOHGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

LET'S BE OFF.

YEP. LEAVE IT TO ME.

YOU KNOW THE WAY, RIGHT SUWA?

There's a GPS too.

WHAT'S WITH THIS?

EH!

IT'S FOR KAKERU.

NO WAY

WHAT'S WITH THE BOU-QUET?

It's FINE

THE FIVE OF US MET UP AGAIN LAST MONTH.

SINCE WE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL,

YOU'RE SO MEAN. WHY?

AND I DIDN'T HEAR YOU, HAGITA.

YES YOU DID.

IT'S A SECRET.

WHAT DID YOU GUYS BRING FOR KAKERU?

Ha Ha Ha

It's a secret, so it's embarrassing

TODAY WE'RE

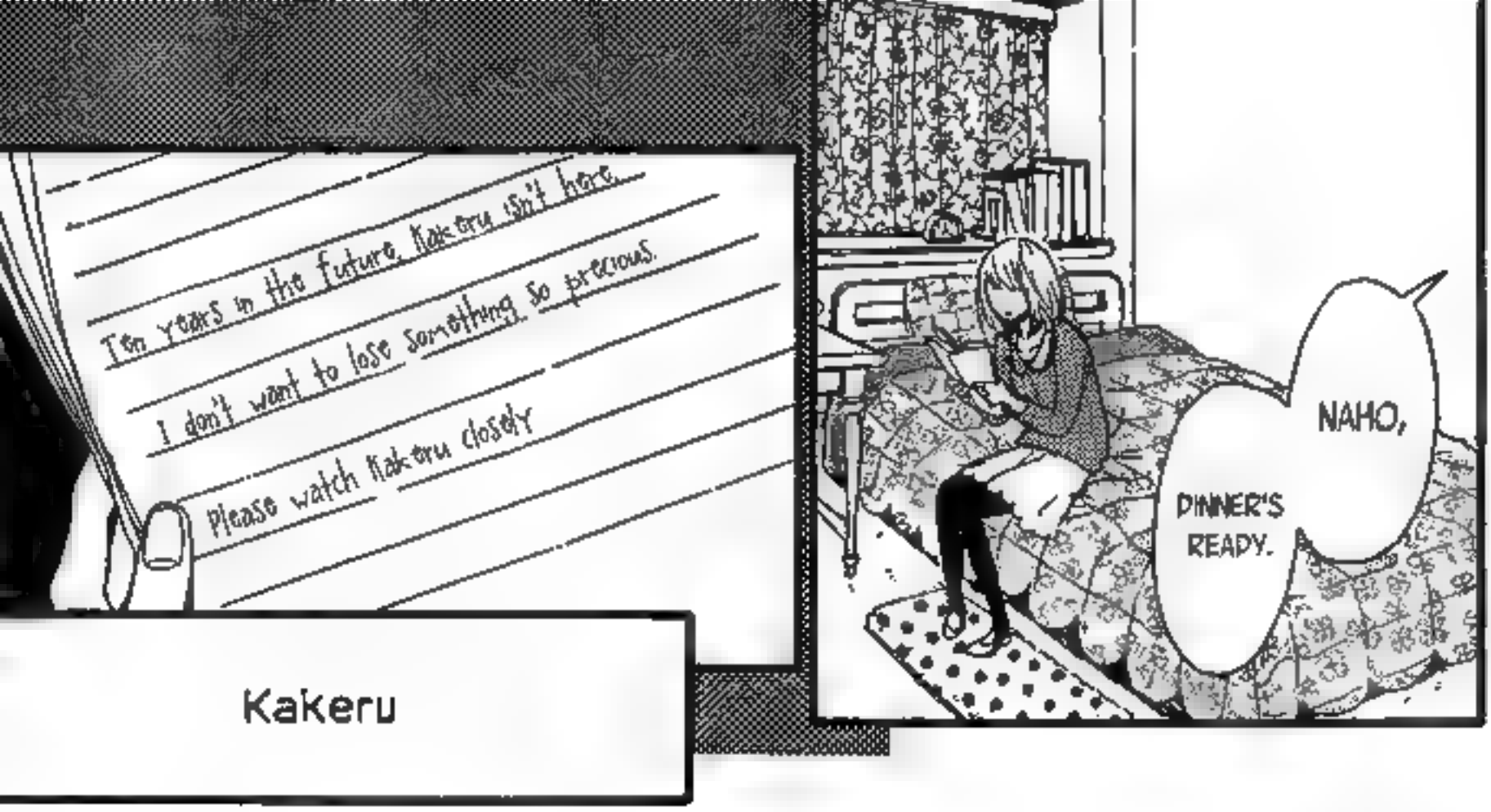
AND THEN WE GO TAKE KAKERU PRESENTS.

GOING TO SEE KAKERU.

NAHO—

AND THE PROMISE I COULDN'T FULFILL

THE FEELINGS THAT DIDN'T REACH HIM


Ten years in the future, Kakeru isn't here.
I don't want to lose something so precious.
Please watch Kakeru closely
NAHO,
DINNER'S READY.

Kakeru

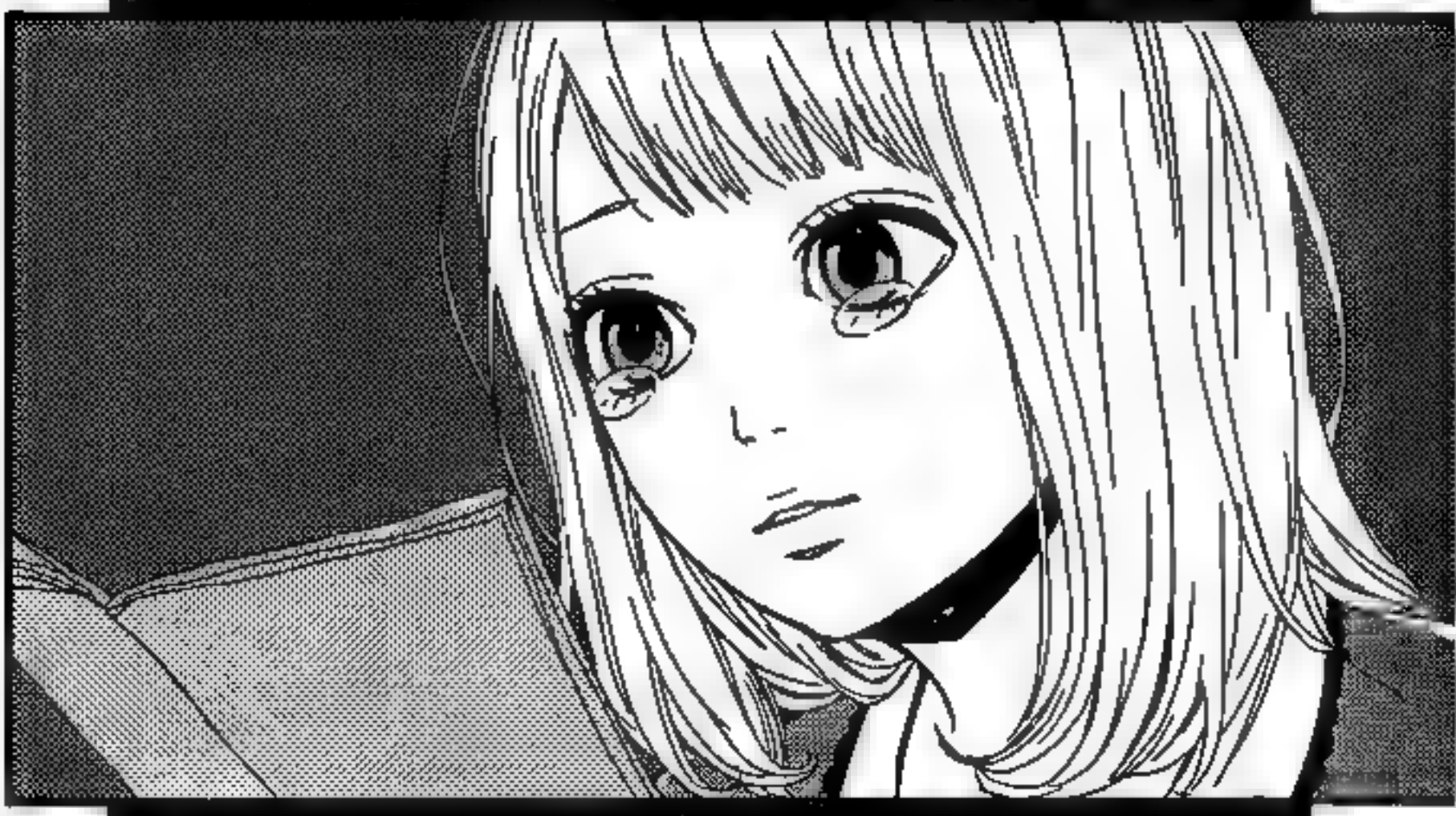
Died in an accident the winter he was 17.

And we made a promise.

Saving Kakeru is

Our penance.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!



SAVE HIM.

SAVE

KAKERU.

6月超特大号につづく

People buy taiyaki* on Nawate Street,* then rest on the bridge ♪

Swaying Future and Bright Young

A HUGE RESPONSE!!!

The days you were there and my future.

orange

【オレンジ】

高野苺

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*T/N: Nawate Street is the shopping district in Nakamura.
Taiyaki is a Japanese, fish-shaped pastry filled with custard or red bean paste.

THE FIVE OF US MET UP AGAIN_

AFTER WE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL...

AFTER EIGHT YEARS...

TO DIG UP OUR TIME CAPSULE.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING T[redacted]
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

THE SIX OF US BURIED THESE TIME CAPSULES OUR JUNIOR YEAR.

AH, IT'S HERE!

OUR TIME CAPSULES ARE STILL HERE!

WE WROTE LETTERS TO OURSELVES TEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE AND BURIED THEM IN A CORNER AT SCHOOL.

KAKERU WAS THERE TOO.

HERE'S YOURS, TAKAKO.

THANKS!

NEXT IS AZU!

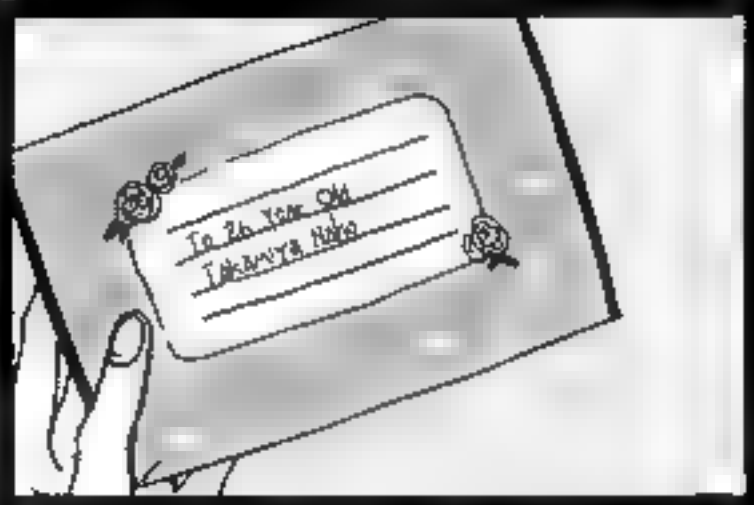
Crinkle

To Ms. Takamiya Naho,

To the 26 year old me, how are you? What have you done?

My dream is that by 25, I'm married to a wonderful guy, I have a kid, and I work at a day care center.

How did I do?



LET ME SEE! LET ME SEE!!

THAT'S RIGHT, I WANTED TO WORK IN A DAY CARE.

I COULDN'T REMEMBER WHAT I HAD WRITTEN IN THAT LETTER TEN YEARS AGO.

WHEN I READ IT, IT ALL CAME BACK TO ME.

Pfft

I AM WONDER-FUL, AND IT'S JUST A PREDICTION.

THE "MARRIED, AND WITH A KID" IS RIGHT ON...

BUT NOT THE "WONDER-FUL" GUY PART.

"MARRY A RICH GUY AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER."

AND EVERY-BODY ELSE?

I couldn't it would have been embar-rassing if I'd been found out

WHY NOT JUST WRITE, "MARRIED TO NAHO?"

Though it was my dream.

I WROTE, "TO BE A FAMOUS SOCCER PLAYER AND MARRIED TO AN ACTRESS."

WHAT DID YOU WRITE, HONEY?

PFFT!

.....

Become a doctor!!

DOCTOR FOR ME.

"BECOME A FAMOUS SUPER MODEL."

A PICTURE OF ALL OF US,

AND KAKERU'S LETTER.

Nanase Kakeru

THINK HE'LL BE MAD IF WE READ IT?

IT'S A PRETTY EMPTY TIME CAPSULE.

WHAT ELSE IS IN THERE?

THAT'S MINE.

A STRANGE GIRL'S PICTURE.

WHY IS THERE BROWSE IN HERE?

SO...

DID ANYONE'S LETTER ACTUALLY COME TRUE?

SIL ENCE

We were such fools

EVERYBODY HAD UNREALISTIC DREAMS.

MAYBE IF YOU HADN'T GOTTEN CONTACTS, IT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED

WHY?

I WANT TO KNOW TOO...

WHAT HE WANTED IN THE FUTURE.

.....

LET'S READ IT AND GIVE IT TO HIM.

WHO WILL, IF NOT US?

NO WAY

IN A GOOD VOICE.

SLIP

FLIP

RIP

THEN HERE GOES.

"TO THE PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE...

ARE YOU ALL WELL?"

?

.....

.....

I'M NOT! IT'S REALLY WRITTEN IN HERE!

HEY! YOU'RE MAKING THAT UP!

WHAT? IT REALLY IS.

"TO SUWA.

YOU WERE SO TALL AND GOOD AT SOCCER.

I ADMIRED YOU."

"I WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT ADJUSTING TO A NEW SCHOOL...

SO I WAS REALLY RELIEVED WHEN YOU TALKED TO ME.

I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE JOINED THE SOCCER CLUB."

.....

"TO AZU,

YOU WERE ALWAYS SO HAPPY AND BRIGHT.

WHENEVER I WAS DEPRESSED, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS THINK OF YOU SAYING SOMETHING FUNNY, AND I CHEERED UP."

"TO HAGITA,

YOU ALWAYS LOOKED SO SERIOUS, BUT YOU REALLY DID LIKE TO LAUGH.

"AND YOUR PARENTS' CURRY BREAD WAS DELICIOUS."

"I DIDN'T REALLY GET IT,

BUT IT ALWAYS MADE ME LAUGH."

HE DIDN'T GET IT?

'CAUSE HE ALWAYS ASKED.

WHAT WERE YOU TEACHING HIM?

DURING BREAKS, YOU TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THE 'LAUGHING RULES.' LIKE, 'NOT' PUSHING WHAT I SAID, BUT STILL PUSHING.'"

"TO TAKAKO,

YOU WERE A LITTLE SCARY WHEN YOU GOT ANGRY...

BUT IT WAS ALWAYS FOR AZU AND NAHO.

ONE TIME, YOU GOT EXTREMELY ANGRY FOR NAHO, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS PRETTY COOL."

SUPPORT TAKAHO ICHIGO BY
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

"TO NAHO,

YOU WERE SO MODEST AND ALWAYS THOUGHT OF OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF.

WHEN EVERYBODY WAS HAPPY, YOU LOOKED HAPPIEST.

YOURS WERE THE BEST.

THE COOKIES THAT YOU, AZU, AND TAKAKO MADE IN HOME ECO...

I ALWAYS WAITED TO EAT YOUR HOME COOKING, DAY AFTER DAY."

"I KNOW THAT THE FUTURE YOU...

WILL STILL BE CLOSE AND LAUGHING TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE."

"NARUSE KAKERU"

.....

...AND WHAT ELSE?

...THAT'S ALL OF IT.

AND HIS PREDICTION?

IT'S NOT HERE.

WHY...?

WHAT ABOUT HIS DREAMS...?

I'M TELLING YOU!

NO WAY!!

THAT'S ALL!

WE SAID IT WOULD BE OUR OWN DREAMS!

A LETTER THAT WOULD BE THERE FOR EACH OF US IN THE FUTURE!

THEN WHY?! WHY DIDN'T HE WRITE THEM?!

ASK KAKERU HIMSELF!!

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!!

Why, Kakeru!!

...WHY...

.....

UWAAAAAA!!

THE WINTER OF JUNIOR YEAR, KAKERU DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT.

WE CRIED AND ASKED "WHY?" THAT DAY TOO.

DID...HE KNOW HE WOULDN'T HAVE A FUTURE...?

WHAT...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT.

THEN, DID HE DECIDE HIMSELF?

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT...

RIGHT, KAKERU?

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

KAKERU WILL BE SAVED...

IF YOU WATCH HIM CLOSELY...

AND DON'T LET HIM BE BY HIMSELF.

HE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE TO GO TO HEAVEN.

SO HIS WISHES FOR THE FUTURE AND OURS WERE DIFFERENT.

WE AREN'T CLOSE ANYMORE, AND WE DON'T SMILE TOGETHER ANYMORE.

IF KAKERU HADN'T DIED...

AZU WOULDN'T FIGHT SO MUCH WITH SUWA...

OR WITH YOU.

THAT'S... HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.

LET'S GO...

SEE KAKERU.

LET'S GO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY...

THAT KAKERU COULDN'T.

LET'S KEEP...

OUR PROMISES!

WE WILL LAUGH AND GET ALONG.

IF YOU FIX THE PAST,

I'LL RUN TOWARD THE PUZZLE THAT IS KAKERU

SUPPORT TAKAHO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

THIS TIME
I WILL

SAVE
KAKERU.

「May 1st」

「 May 1st 」

- After playing for a week, Kakeru quits the soccer club.
- Make sure he rejoins the club.

◎Even if he's unreasonable, I want him to join. I'm pretty sure that he himself actually wants to join.

GO-GOOD MORNING.

MORNING!

GAN

GOOD MORNING!!

OW...

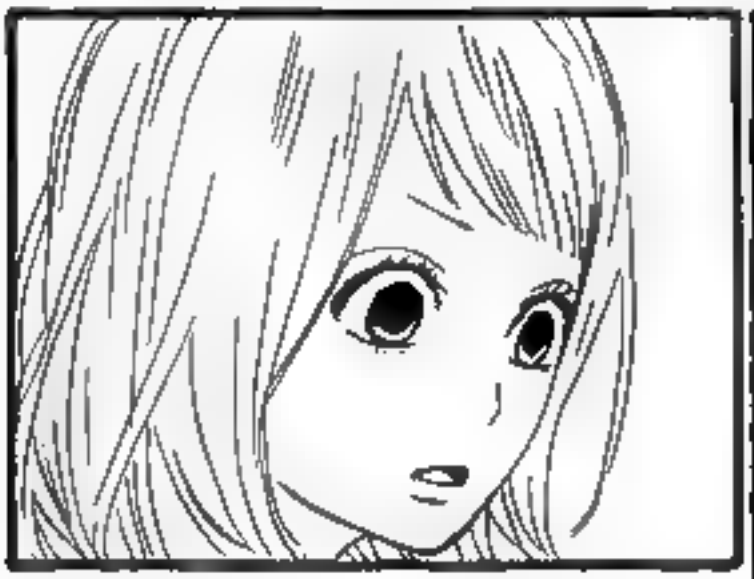
LISTEN!!

NOT NOW...

EVERYBODY!! LISTEN!!

HE'LL JOIN THE SOCCER CLUB!!

I'LL CHANGE THE FUTURE!!



_WHAT?

REALLY? NOT A TEMPORARY MEMBER ANYMORE?

I HAD PLANNED ON DOING IT FOR A WEEK, BUT...

TODAY, KAKERU BECAME A FULL MEMBER OF THE SOCCER CLUB!!

SUPPORT TAKANOICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

.. Huh?

Could...

YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW I'M NOT POPULAR.

ANNOYING GUYS ARE AWFUL.

I KNOW...

SUWA WAS SO ANNOYING, KEPT ON ASKING ME TO JOIN!

THE FUTURE HAVE CHANGED ALREADY?

I'M SURE THAT ME MAKING HIM LUNCHES...

AND THE FUTURE ME SENDING ME THIS LETTER...

I'LL HAVE MORNING PRACTICE STARTING TOMORROW.

SO I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO WAKE ME UP.

...OKAY!

ALL THE THINGS IN THE LETTER HAVE ACTUALLY HAPPENED...

IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT WOULD BE WRONG...

NAHO-

...Huh?

Then what about the letter??

So, having the letter means he still hasn't been saved?

Ahh, now I'm all confused.

Then

is Kakeru in the future now?

Will make the future better.

The future can still be changed.

But

I'll just think about it later.

BAM

!!

YOU THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING?

I can change the future.

NAHO!

LOOK FORWARD, OR YOU'LL BUMP INTO SOME-THING.

...YEAH.

AH!

HEY!

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

pico

DO YOU KNOW HER, NAHO?

EH?

SHE'S SORT OF WELL KNOWN BECAUSE SHE'S PRETTY

HER NAME IS UEDA, SHE'S A SENIOR.

OH. I SEE.

SHE SEEMED...

LIKE SHE WAS INTERESTED IN KAKERU.

SHE'S ALWAYS THERE, WATCHING PRACTICE AND STUFF.

...REALLY?

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

MAYBE HE...

WHAT SHOULD I DO_

「 May 2nd 」

- Before the holidays, we have a half-day.
- During break time, Ueda confesses to Kakeru.

- They start going out after that

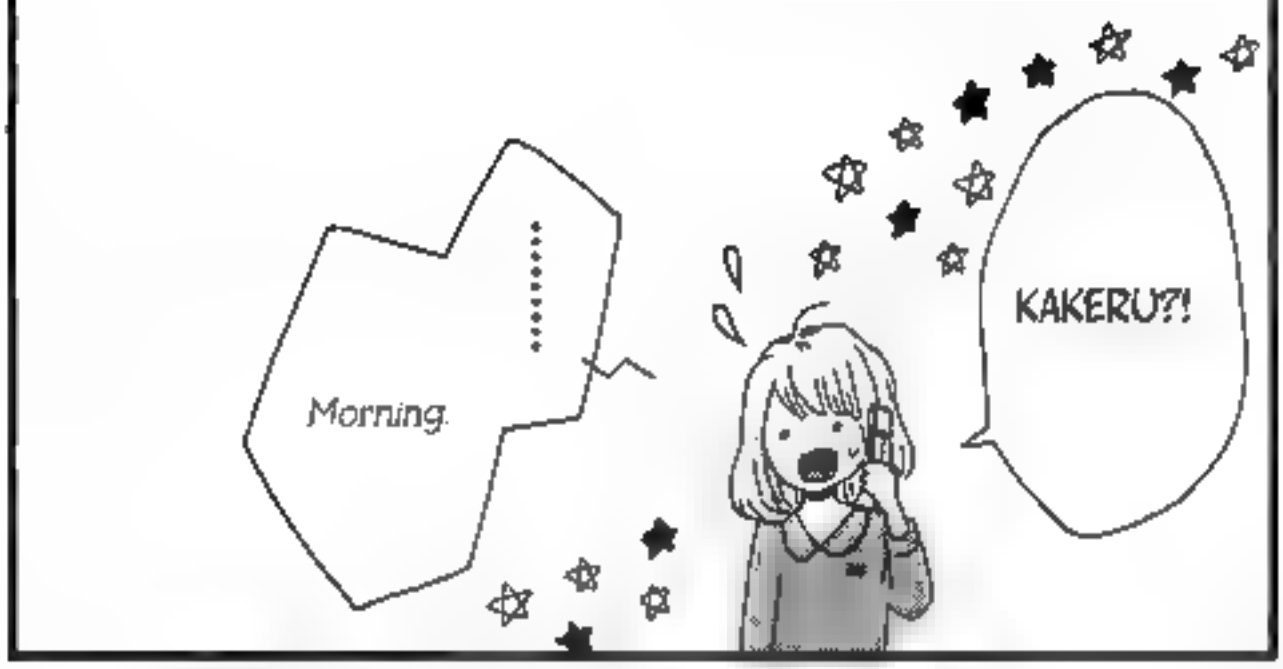
HE-HELLO, KAKERU?!

IT'S TIME! WAKE UP!

.....

Ah

ring ring



THE FUTURE CAN BE CHANGED.

THAT SHOULD BE EASY.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVALABLE NEAR YOU!

ARE YOU IN CHARGE OF CHORES, OR SOMETHING?

I AM NOT.

IT'S REALLY HEAVY, THOUGH.

I GOT IT

THANKS FOR THE WAKE-UP CALL THIS MORNING.

IS THERE ANYBODY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?

More than that...

I'm worried about Kakeru himself

OH YEAH.

NAHO,

W'll...they actually go out.. ?

If it's someth ng Kakeru picks

then it s different.

WHA?!

N-

NO!!

IS THERE?

IS THERE SOMEBODY YOU LIKE?

...AND YOU?

Was that such a surprise?

But can't say "there's"

Ah

No

That's not true.

HMM...

.....

HOW ABOUT UEDA...?

HMM...

NOPE.

I LIKE HER FACE.

.....

I want plastic surgery

He likes her face...

Her face...

SUWA, GO BUY ME SOME JUICE.

SUPPORT TAKAHO NOHGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

ME TOO.

ME TOO.

I WANT SOME TOO.

I'M NOT THAT T-

IT'LL ONLY TAKE YOU A COUPLE STEPS TO GET IT.

BUY IT YOURSELF.

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!

AND YOU, NAHO?

UM...

OH...

Acerola!

Coke!

Tangerine juice!

Coffee Milk!

ALRIGHT, GET GOING KAKERU.

DAMN IT

I WANT A BOTTLE OF COKE.

WAIT, I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THIS!

I WANT A PACK OF ACEROLA.

ROCK!

PAPER!

SCISSORS!

REALLY?

YOU'RE NOT THIRSTY AFTER GYM?

I'M FINE.

.....

!

.....

WHAT DO YOU WANT, NAHO?

STARE——————..

REALLY?

EVEN COFFEE? EVEN SOUP WITH RED BEANS IN IT?

ANYTHING IS FINE...

UM... Is he picking on me?

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

JUST "ANYTHING" IS NOT OKAY.

...ORANGE JUICE...

"IF YOU ONLY PUT UP WITH IT..."

"YOU'LL LOSE".

My feelings

I'M LEAVING, THEN.

THANKS!

GOT IT!

Can get bigger!

AH, THERE HE IS!

YOU OKAY WITH CARRYING ALL THAT?!

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

So heavy!

HE IS...

KINDA CUTE.

SORRY, I DROPPED THE COKE!

HEY!!

AH...

HE GOT CAUGHT...

WAIT.

ISN'T THAT...

IS SHE CONFESSING?

THEY'RE HIDDEN IN THE SHADE.

UEDA?

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

SERI...OUSLY?!

OH, YEAH...

HEY, WHAT WAS THAT?

A CONFESSION?

SHE CONFESSED...

WELCOME BACK!

YOU'RE SO SLOW!

SORRY.

AND? WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I TOLD HER THAT I'D LET HER KNOW DURING THE NEXT BREAK TIME.

Orange 100 100%

HERE'S YOUR JUICE.

MONEY, AZU.

YOU DID IT! KYAA

What are you gonna to say? Tell me!

AH. SORRY

THERE WERE ONLY SMALL PACKS. IS THAT OKAY?

OH, YEAH

I ALWAYS GET THESE.

HERE'S THE MONEY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

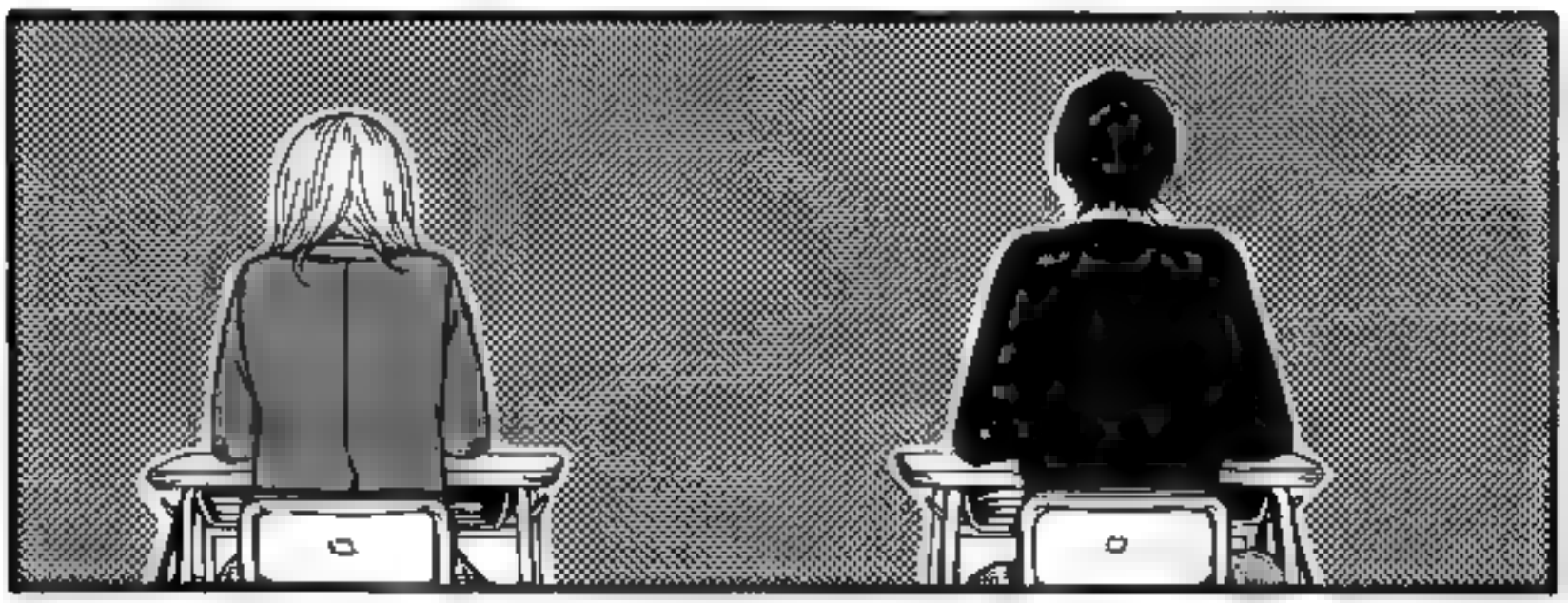
• 4th period--
I lent Kakeru a pencil and eraser, since he forgot his pen case.

◎ After Class--
When Kakeru gives them back, look in the eraser wrapper

◎ Be honest with your feelings.

SUPPORT TAKAHO TOHGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

AMAZING! IT'S LIKE YOU'RE PSYCHIC!
You pulled them out immediately.
AHAHAHA...
REALLY?! YOUR ERASER TOO?!
HERE, USE MY PENCIL AND ERASER.
IT'S ALRIGHT, I'VE GOT TWO.
SA!
I FORGOT MY PEN CASE
WHEN WE CHANGED ROOMS.



...WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT'S KIND OF MEAN...
BUT THE WAY I FEEL...
I DON'T WANT KAKERU TO GO OUT WITH UEDA...
I KNOW THAT...

SUPPORT TAKAHICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

LET'S EAT, KAKERU!

We have practice later

OH. I'M ON CLEANING DUTY TODAY

AWW!

NAHO.

.....

HERE. THANKS.

What can I do?

B-ZZ BOZZ B-ZZ BOZZ

WE HAVE DUTY, TOO.

WE DO?!

THE ERASER...!

When I finish clean-ing

Gotta hurry!

Hurry to the eraser!

gacha

...

WHERE?

I'VE GOT THE ENTRANCE WAY. YOU'VE GOT THE CONNECTING HALLWAY.

part...

MONO

• In the eraser that Kakeru borrowed, there's a message in it.

I didn't notice it that day.

Crinkle

Akeda Lake Pond bottle Tangerine juice Leather milk

Huh...?

There's a paper stuck in

MONO

Hm?

The drink list from earlier?

Crinkle Crinkle

If you see it,

it will probably change the future

crinkle...

You think it's okay for me to go out with Ueda?

MOA

Kakeru's still here...

What should I do?

What should I say?

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

GATA

TAA

Part

Part

GACHA

PATAN

HE SAID HE'D RATHER HEAR THE ANSWER NOW.

THE FUTURE.

AH, NAHO. WHERE'D YOU GO?

COME HERE!

IT'S ALRIGHT.

I CAN CHANGE...

BEEN TALKING TO UEDA FOR A WHILE.

KAKERU'S...

WHAT IS IT?

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

KAKERU!

WHAT'D YOU SAY? DID YOU REALLY?!

AH. SHE'S SMILING!

KYAA!

CONGRATS, KAKERU!

Psh!

TAA

OF COURSE NOT YOU'VE GOT A DATE!

SORRY, BUT I CAN'T HANG OUT BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!

NAHO!

I'M HEADING HOME NOW!

NAHO?!

SORRY! I FORGOT ABOUT SOMETHING!

YOU OKAY...?

I'M FINE...

...SORRY.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

LIKE KAKERU, RIGHT?

...YOU...

I'M SO SORRY.

I'M SORRY,

FUTURE ME.

I COULDN'T ERASE THAT ONE REGRET YOU HAD.

NO

SUPPORT TAKAHO KONGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

WEDNES-
DAY MAY
2ND

BEFORE THE
HOLIDAYS.
DURING 4TH
PERIOD
BREAK...

AND THEY
STARTED
GOING OUT.

UEDA
CONFESSED
TO KAKERU,

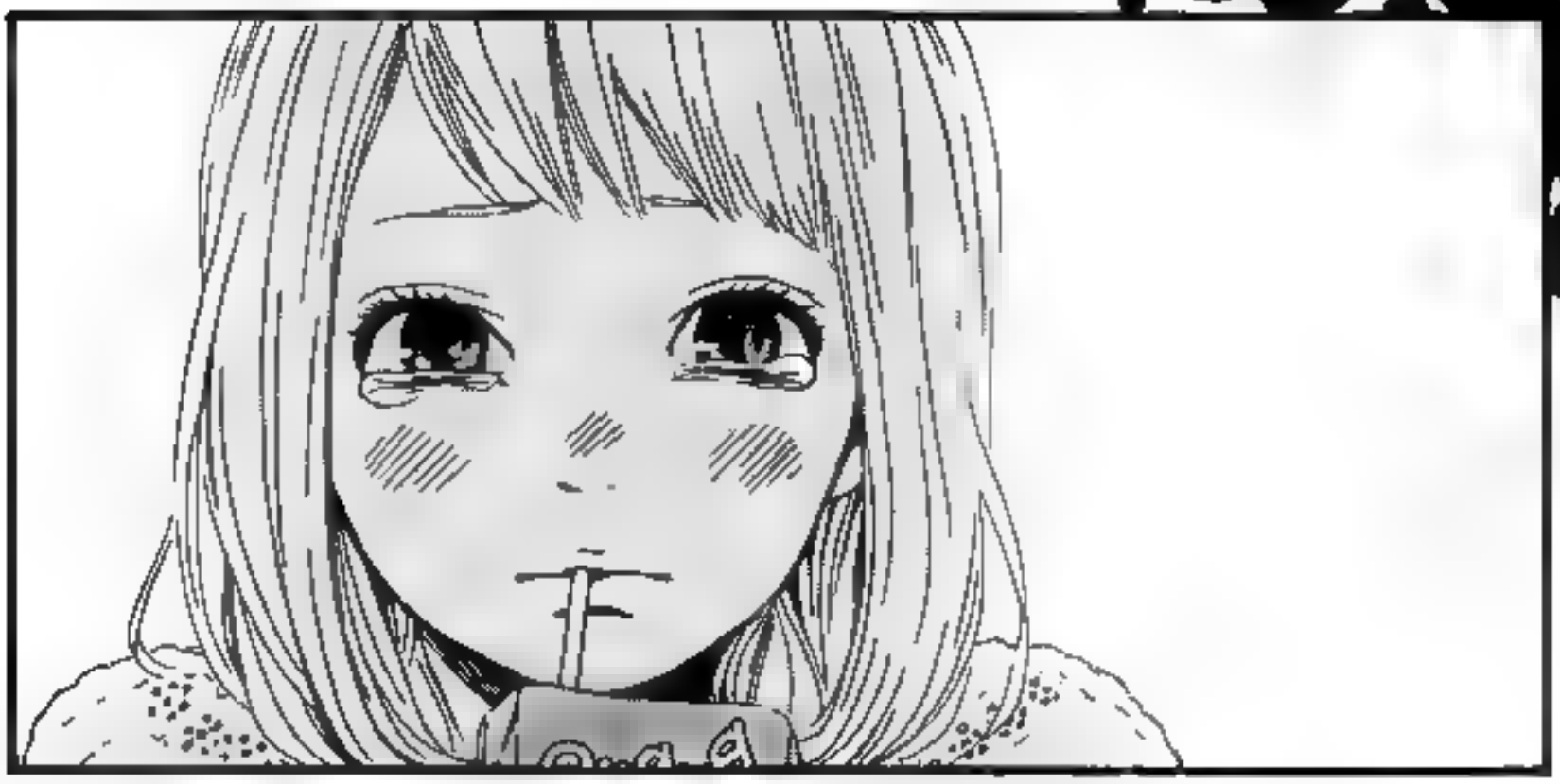
I'M NOT
HUNGRY.

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FOR DINNER?

WELCOME
BACK, NAHO.

I DRANK THE JUICE KAKERU BOUGHT ME IN MY ROOM UNTIL IT WAS COMPLETELY EMPTY.

BECAUSE MY CHEST HURT SO MUCH, I COULDN'T EAT DINNER.



THE ORANGE JUICE WAS...

A SAD AND PAINFUL TASTE.

SWEET AND SOUR...

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

7月超特大号につづく

About HARUIRO ASTRONAUT

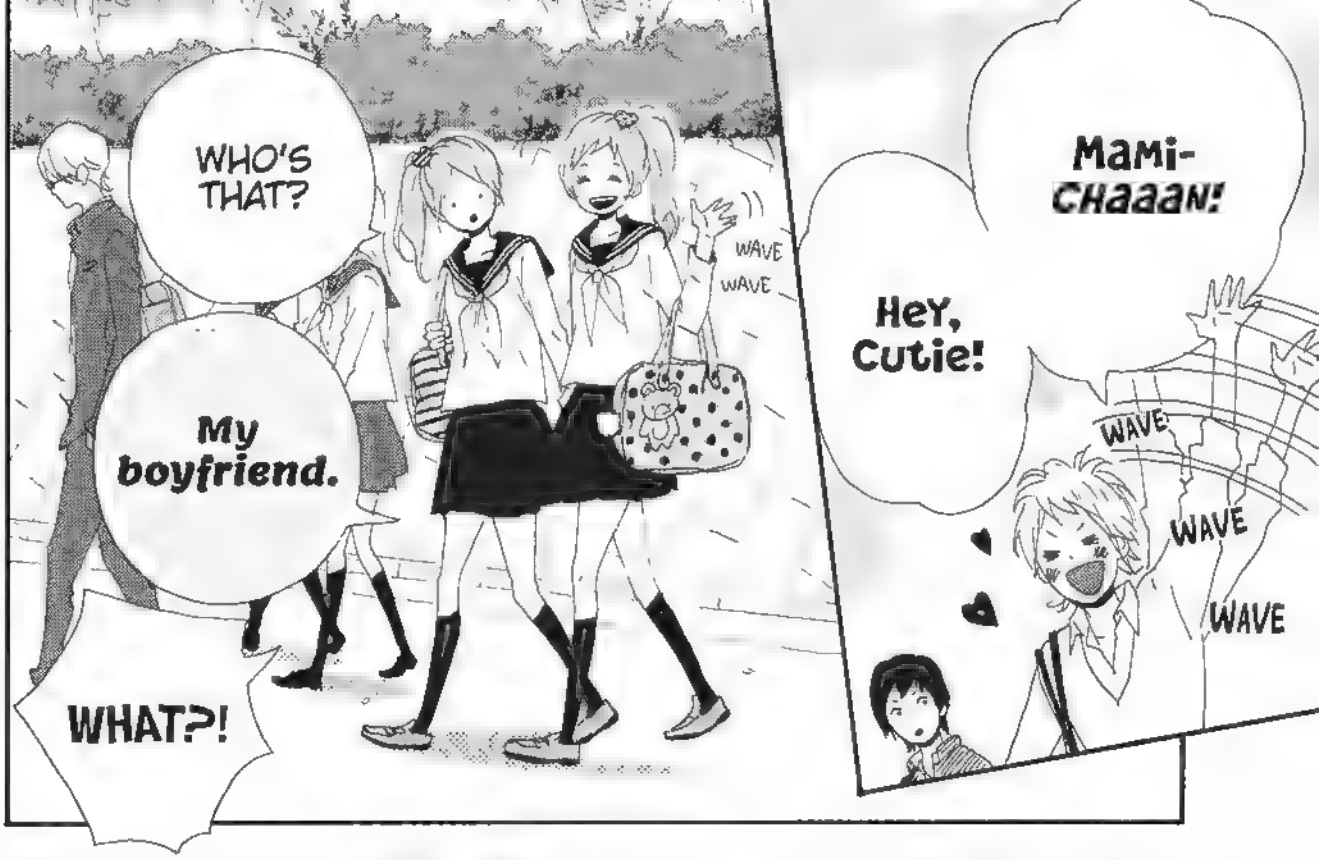
With this story, at first, I just wanted to draw **a super cute girl**. But then, if *that* was the case, I decided I would draw **a super hot guy** to go with her! I wanted to use all my favorite shoujo romance tropes! The protagonist has a twin sister. The key to telling them apart is the bangs. Also, Mami has the polka dots, and Chiki has stripes. Drawing a super hot guy is hard...this is my best attempt.

Please enjoy!

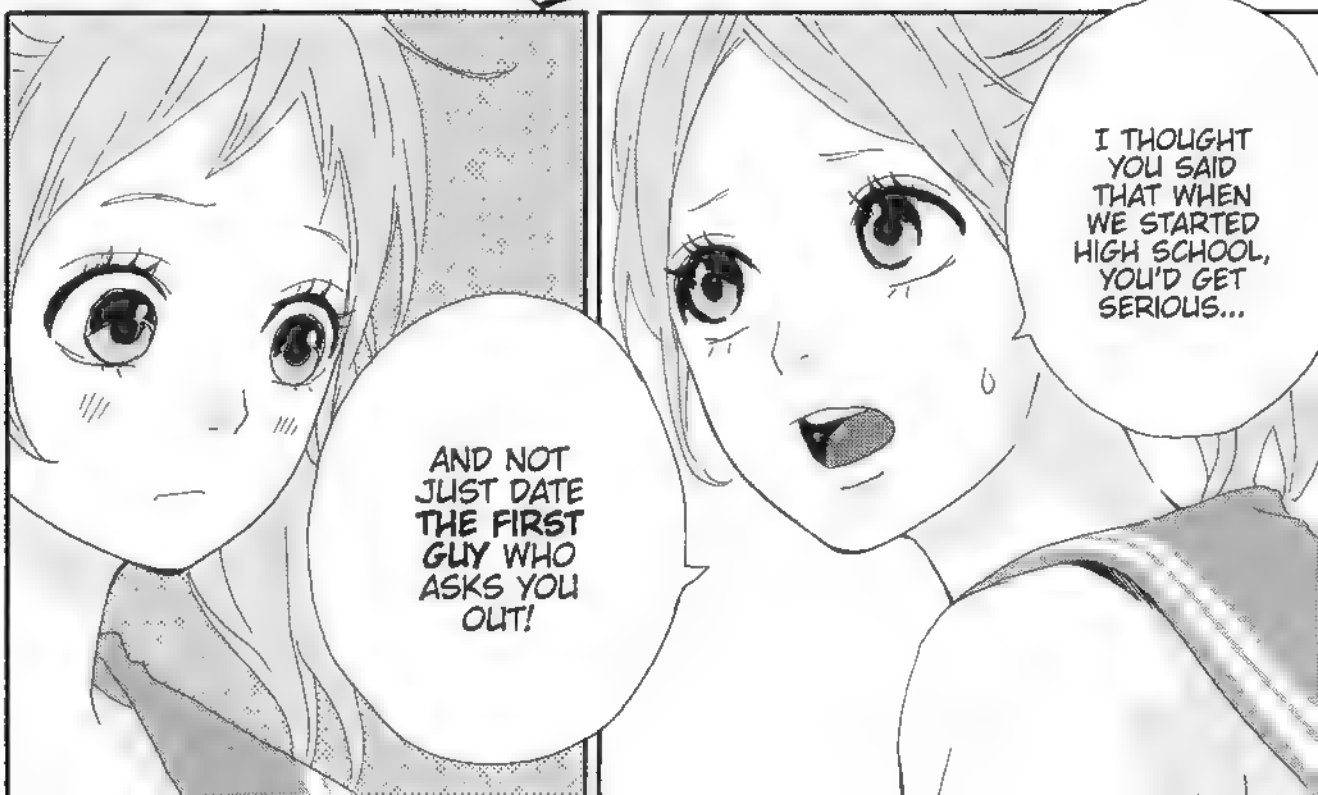
Haruiro Astronaut

Chapter 1

I'M THE OLDER TWIN, CHIKI.
THIS IS MY TWIN SISTER, MAMI.
THOUGH WE LOOK THE SAME...
SHE'S THE CUTE ONE!
REALLY, WE'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
I'M SO PROUD OF MY CUTE LITTLE SISTER.


WHO'S THAT?
My boyfriend.
WHAT?!
WAVE
WAVE
Mami-CHaaaN!
Hey, Cutie!
WAVE
WAVE
WAVE

AGAIN?!
EVEN THOUGH WE'D NEVER EVEN MET BEFORE.
YESTERDAY, HE TOLD ME HE LIKED ME...


AND NOT JUST DATE THE FIRST GUY WHO ASKS YOU OUT!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT WHEN WE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL, YOU'D GET SERIOUS...

ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS TELL HER THEY LIKED HER AND SHE'D AGREE TO GO OUT WITH THEM.
ALL OUR LIFE, MAMI WAS ALWAYS THE ONE THE BOYS LIKED.
Middle School
Again?!
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST WAIT AND FIND A GUY YOU ACTUALLY LIKE?!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL GET SERIOUS SOON ENOUGH!
Tee hee!
BUT SHE'D NEVER FALL IN LOVE WITH THE GUYS SHE DATED...
I've gotta break up with him—!
It's not working out—!
Again?!
AND THEN, SHE'D DUMP 'EM.
What? Seriously?
My sister Mami says she wants to break up with you.
I'm sorry...
WELL, ACTUALLY, I'D HAVE TO DUMP THEM.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF MAMI...
COULD JUST FIND SOMEONE SHE LIKES.
HEY, CHIKI-CHAN... WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET A BOYFRIEND?

He's soooo cool!
OH MY GOD! THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET, CHIKI-CHAN!
WHA...?
HE'S IN THE SAME CLASS AS ME!
And he's totally your type, Chiki-chan!!

BUT STILL... I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THIS BOY IN MAMI'S CLASS...

UP TO THAT POINT, I'D NEVER GONE OUT WITH ANYONE. I'D NEVER EVEN REALLY HAD A **CRUSH** ON ANYONE.

LIKE STARS IN THE SKY, THERE ARE SO MANY BOYS IN WORLD.
Is that him?
MAYBE YOU JUST LIKE JOCKS.
ALL OF THE CUTE GUYS AT THIS SCHOOL PLAY BASKETBALL OR SOCCER.
ANY OF THESE GUYS WOULD MAKE A GREAT BOYFRIEND FOR YOU!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF... That's your type.
HE SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO JOIN UP.
IS HE REALLY ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM?
I WON'T FALL FOR JUST ANY GUY.
?!
PAT

I'M WAITING FOR MY PERFECT SHINING STAR.
I THINK...
YOU LEFT THIS ON YOUR DESK.

ARE SO WARM...
SLIP
HIS HANDS ...
THAT PERSON I'LL LOVE...
ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

SLIDE
Ah!
THAT'S MY HAIR BAND!
HIS...
HIS FACE!
Too close!
KYAAAA!
HE'S... HE'S REALLY POPULAR.
DON'T WAIT FOR ME.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
SHEESH... KEEP IT DOWN.
YUI-KUN'S HERE!!

KAWARAGI YUI-KUN.
WELL, HE IS PRETTY CUTE.
HE'S GOOD LOOKING, TALL, A GREAT BASKETBALL PLAYER. AND HE'S REALLY SMART!
HE IS GOOD, ISN'T HE?
WOO-HOO!
SWISH
シュッ

ALL RIGHT, GUYS, GOOD PRACTICE! LET'S GO GET CHANGED.
Eee!
Eeee!
You were great out there, Yui-kun!
Here's a towel!
C'mon! Just wipe your forehead and give it back! I'll treasure it forever!♥
I don't need this many, back off.
Use my towel!
Mine too!
That's creepy.

He's cute...but he's also rude.
What a pain.
Please read them!!
Me too!
I wrote you a letter!

He took...
each and every letter.
He's rude, but...
Seriously, you all need to back off!
If you show up again tomorrow, I'll lock you all up in the gym storage room!
Sadist
Even that makes them happy...
Masochists

COME ON, CHIKI-CHAN!
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU!
HUH?
WAIT--!
Huh?
AHH ?!
STUB
SPLAT
YOU REALLY ARE CLUMSY...
.....

POP
THAT'S CHIKI!
YOU GOT US MIXED UP EARLIER TOO. I'M MAMI!
THE SAME FACE?!
...MAMI.
HUH?

TWIN SISTER?!
THIS IS MY TWIN SISTER...
CHIKI!
CHIKI?!
BA-THUMP

WHAT?!
TUG
!
YOU TWO LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME!
WOW!
WELL, YEAH...
TWINS, HUH?
WOBBLE
ISN'T THAT CUTE.

HE'S... HE'S SO TALL!
AND HE SMELLS GOOD.
HIS EYES ARE GORGEOUS.
I'VE FOUND HIM!
THE BOY I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
GRIN
I knew you'd like him, Chiki-chan!!

HE'S SOOO MYSTERI-OUS!
THEY SAY HE'S NEVER HAD A GIRLFRIEND! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!
YEAH RIGHT! WHO'D LIKE A RUDE GUY LIKE HIM?
No way!
He's like something out of a romance novel! ♡
WOW, MAMI. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE FALLEN FOR HIM TOO...
An alien?
He's almost too good to be true! Do you think he's like an alien or an angel or something?!
!!
IT'S CHIKI AND MAMI!
OH, HEY!
OH, DON'T WORRY! HE'S NOT MY TYPE.

Ahhh!
CHIKI.
I'M MAMI.
GIMME A SAUSAGE.
HE'S HERE!!
WHOA!!
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
LOOKS GOOD.
YUP.
DID YOU MAKE YOUR LUNCH?

IT'S FINE.
I-I'm sorry!!
IT EVEN LOOKS KIND OF COOL.
Looks like a bear.
Huh?
RIGHT NOW?
Give us your shirt! Quick!
I'll take it to get dry cleaned and bring it back!
Oh no, it's gonna stain! We're sorry!
DROP
My shirt
WAAAAH!
YOU GOT HIS CLOTHES DIRTY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAMI?!

MAMI'S LIKE A CHILD...
AND CHIKI'S LIKE THE MOTHER!
HA HA!
BLUUUSH
THE SWEET KIND.
OKAY?
CHIKI, TOMORROW I WANT TO EAT TAMAGOYAKI.
Eh?
WHEN HE LAUGHS, HE'S EVEN CUTER.
HA HA HA!
why is he shirtless?!
OKAY!

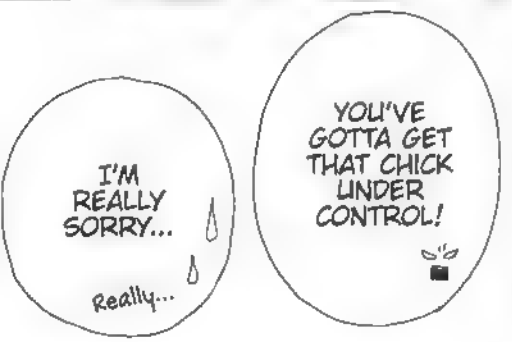
LIKING HIM...
MAKES ME HAPPY.
WAIT, WHAT WAS THAT?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MY HEART'S BEATING SO FAST!
EEE!
He's shirtless!
HAVING HIM LOOK AT ME AND SPEAK TO ME...
MAKES ME HAPPY.
JUST SEEING HIM...
MAKES ME EVEN HAPPIER.
TO THINK THAT HAVING SOMEONE YOU LIKE...
WOULD MAKE EVERY DAY SO FUN.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
I'VE EVER FELT THIS WAY.
"HEY, CHIKI-CHAN... WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET A BOYFRIEND?"

WHAT?
I NEED TO BE THERE FOR HER.
UNTIL MAMI FINDS SOMEONE SHE TRULY LIKES...
I DO WANT ONE.
Really!
BUT I'M WORRIED...
ABOUT MAMI.
SHE BROKE UP WITH YOU?!
YEAH.
SHE DID IT IN AN EMAIL TOO. THAT'S JUST COLD!

Really?! I'm the longest?! All right!!
WELL, ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, YOU'RE THE LONGEST RELATIONSHIP SHE'S HAD.
WAIT. THAT DOESN'T HELP AT ALL!
Nice work?

WE'VE ONLY BEEN DATING FOR TWO WEEKS!
BUT... WHAT DID I EVEN DO?!
I ASKED HER, BUT SHE WON'T REPLY TO MY TEXTS OR ANSWER HER PHONE!

SO MUCH FOR THAT.
BUT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE MAMI DID IT HERSELF!
USUALLY, SHE GETS ME TO DO HER DIRTY WORK.


I'M REALLY SORRY...
Really...
YOU'VE GOTTA GET THAT CHICK UNDER CONTROL!

CHIKI-CHAN, WANNA GO OUT WITH ME?
HERE WE GO AGAIN.
STILL...
YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE TOO, CHIKI-CHAN.

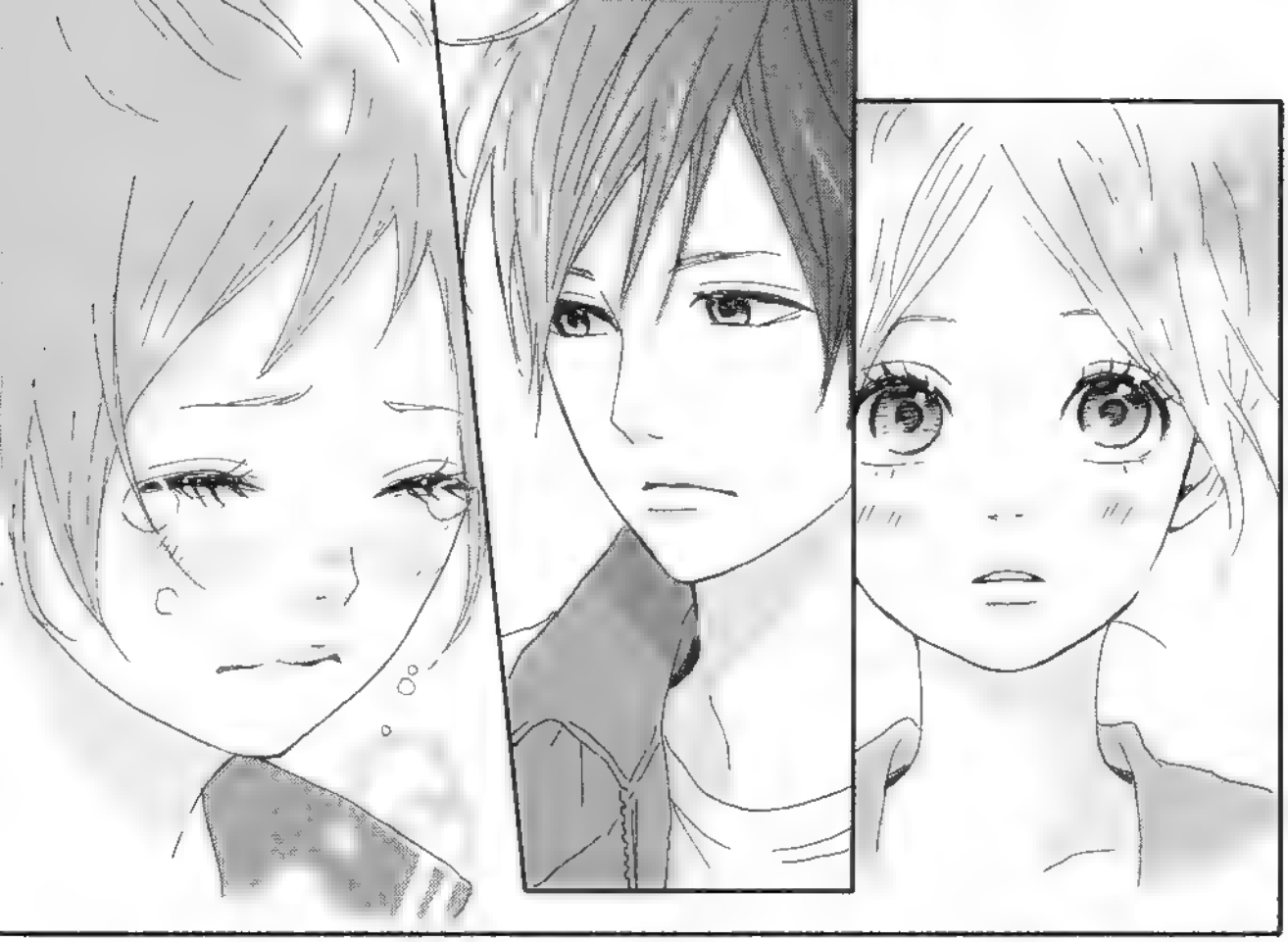
THEY DON'T ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT EITHER OF US.
"YOU LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME ANYWAY!"
"THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT WITH MAMI, BUT YOU'LL DO, CHIKI!"
THIS HAPPENS EVERY TIME MAMI DUMPS A GUY.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN DATING ANYONE RIGHT NOW. SORRY.
WAIT...
!
I REALLY LIKE MAMI!!
SINCE YOU HAVE THE SAME FACE AS HER--
I'M NOT GIVING UP!!

WHAT THE HECK?!
YOU'RE CLOSE ENOUGH FOR ME!
EVEN IF YOU ACT TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM HER...
!!!
STOP IT! LET ME GO!
PLEASE, CHIKI!
LET ME GO!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!
SHUT UP, MAMI!
GRAB
MMMM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
LET GO OF MY BIG SISTER!
YOU EAT LUNCH WITH HIM EVERY DAY!
YOU THINK I'M STUPID?! I KNOW WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON! YOU TWO HAVE BEEN DROOLING ALL OVER THAT YUI GUY!
YOU BOTH LIKE HIM TOO NOW?!
Sorry, Chiki-chan~!
Bite him, mami!!
No help at all.
WHY'D YOU LET HIM GRAB YOU?!

WHAM
WHAT'S HE GOT THAT I DON'T--
!!
Whiny voice?!
GOD, YOU'RE SO ANNOYING. I COULD HEAR YOUR WHINY VOICE ALL THE WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF SCHOOL.
WHAT DO YOU WANT, ASSHOLE?
YUI-KUN...
MAMI ONLY AGREED TO DATE YOU BECAUSE YOU BLEW UP HER PHONE WITH TEXTS BEGGING HER TO GO OUT WITH YOU.
.....
NO... THAT'S NOT...!
YOU'RE LUCKY SHE STUCK WITH YOU FOR AS LONG AS SHE DID.

MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
CHIKI IS *NOT* A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAMI.
CHIKI IS CHIKI.
MAMI ...
EVEN YUI-KUN LIKES HER...
YEAH... THANKS.
YOU OKAY?
IF SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE DATED ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
SH- SHUT UP!
JERK!
WAAH!

SORRY...
YEAH...
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE GUY, DON'T DATE HIM!
THERE ARE WEIRD GUYS OUT THERE!
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!
YOU CAN'T TURN THEM DOWN, CAN YOU?
EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T LIKE THEM, YOU GO OUT WITH THEM...
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T STAND TO HURT THEM.



HE SAID MAMI AND I WERE DIFFERENT.

AND HE'S NICE TO MAMI.

MAMI!
ANYBODY WOULD FALL FOR HIM.
I'M CHIKI.
REALLY?
Yes, really.
ARE YOU EVER GONNA BE ABLE TO TELL US APART?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
I'M...
GONNA TELL MAMI I LIKE HER.

IT'S WEIRD...
I JUST CAN'T GET HER OUT OF MY HEAD.
.....
YOU'RE NOT SURPRISED?
IT'S KINDA OBVIOUS!
OH...
FIGURES.

I SPRAINED IT IN GYM.
AGAIN ?!
WHAT A KLUTZ...
MAMI?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?!
YEAH.
YOU WORRY ABOUT HER A LOT, DON'T YOU?
I UNDER-STAND.
CHiKi-CHaaaN!
Oh, and Yui-kun too!

THAT'S WHY SHE TOLD ME ABOUT HIM.
MAMI MUST HAVE LIKED YUI-KUN FROM THE START.
I WAS HAPPY, AS IF HE WERE CONFESSING TO ME.
BUT WHEN YUI-KUN SAID HE LIKED MAMI...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE TWINS...
We're your body-guards.
I like that!

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

AS LONG AS MAMI'S HAPPY, I'M HAPPY.

THE STAR THAT WILL FALL FOR ME.

I HOPE HE'S OUT THERE...

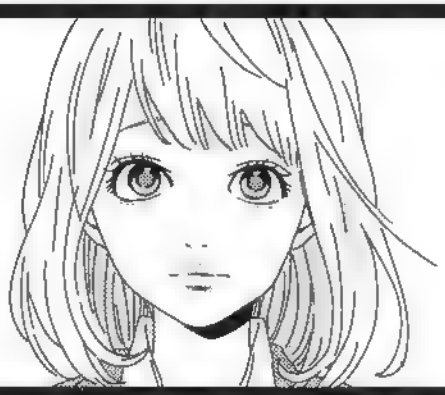
To be continued...

GREETINGS

To those who know me and those who do not, it is a pleasure to meet you.

Hello. I am Ichigo Takano!

However, I have since established a relationship with the editor at Futabasha, so they are serializing it in *Gekkan Action* and releasing the tankoubon for me.



This manga, *Orange*, was originally serialized in *Bessatsu Margaret*.

But at least this new edition has the previously uncollected *Haruiro Astronaut* story I wrote.

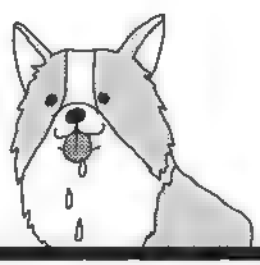
I feel sorry that the content is largely the same for people who bought both editions...

How can I express my gratitude to all of you?! I'm so grateful I want to bring candy straight to your doorstep!

And perhaps some of you have also bought the new Futabasha version.

Perhaps some of you own the original Shueisha version...

Thank you very much!!



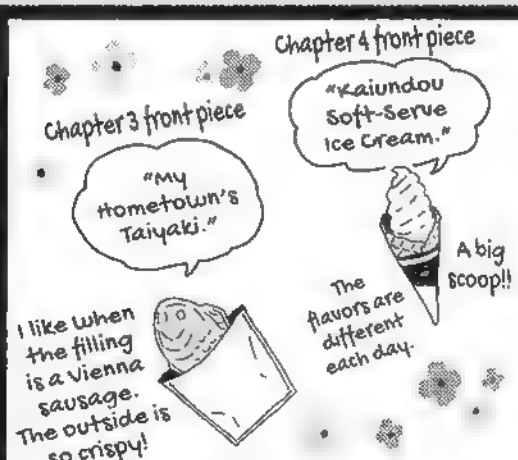
The story is set in Matsumoto City in Nagano Prefecture, where I currently live. For a city, it's very close to nature, which is why I love it so much!

Let me tell you about my inspiration for *Orange*.

But my favorite thing about Matsumoto City... Well, it features in a future installment, so stay tuned to find out!

I ride the "Azusa" when I go to Tokyo.

Agatano-mori Park and Jouyama Park...


Chapter 3 front piece
"My hometown's Taiyaki."
I like when the filling is a Vienna sausage. The outside is so crispy!
Chapter 4 front piece
"Kaiundou Soft-Serve Ice Cream."
A big scoop!!
The flavors are different each day.

This manga is full of my favorite places and things.

Please keep reading!

Keep reading *Orange* to see more of Matsumoto City!

I used the socks of a certain high school in Matsumoto City as a reference for the red socks the kids wear.

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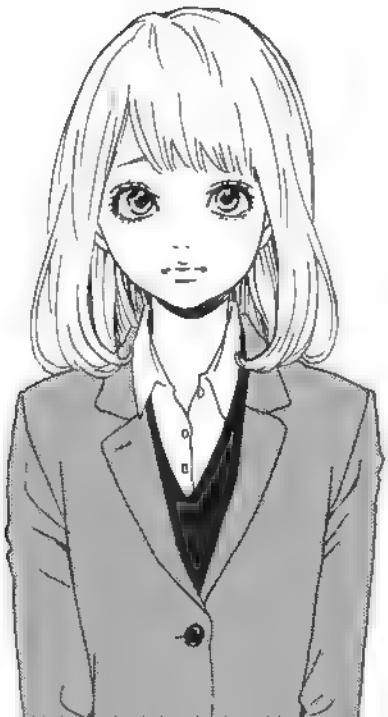
Ichigo Takano



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Last Saturday
It was summer at Parco

After his mother passed away,

Kakeru lived with his Grandmother on the outskirts of Matsumoto.

We've only been to visit twice.

GOOD AFTERNOON!

COMING.

HELLO. IT'S SUWA. I CALLED A COUPLE DAYS AGO.

SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING.

PLEASE, STAY AND TALK ABOUT KAKERU AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.

AHH. SO CUTE. YOURS?

UM. YES. WE...

WE GOT MARRIED.

The last time we came was for Kakeru's funeral.

I HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU TWO FROM KAKERU.

SUWA AND NAHO.

OH YES. YOUR WARMTH HASN'T CHANGED AT AL—

YOU REMEMBER US...?

ESPECIALLY ABOUT YOU, NAHO.

To the past Kakeru:

I wanted to talk more.

I am sorry that I didn't help you.

I regret

That day,

what did you want to tell me?

Even now, ten years later,

I've thought about it.

MAY 5TH (SAT)

I WENT TO PARCO WITH AZU, TAKA, SUWA, AND HAGITA.

I BOUGHT MATCHING FLOWER PATTERNED SHORT PANTS WITH AZU AND TAKA.

THEY ARE REALLY CUTE BUT REALLY SHORT ..

It was huge

MINE WAS CALPIS* FLA-VORED.

AFTER THAT, WE HAD SOFTSERVE AT A GOOD LUCK SHRINE.

*T/N: Calpis is a carbonated yogurt drink.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT WHEN I SEE H.M.

GOLDEN WEEK STARTS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW AND WE CAN GET TOGETHER THEN.

KAKERU HAD A DATE WITH UEDA, SO HE COULDN'T COME.

MORNING.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

THE NOTE THAT KAKERU WROTE TO ME

AND MY "NO" REPLY.

BATAN

MO-MORNING.

WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP THIS MORNING?

UH...

I OVER-SLEPT A LITTLE.

...SORRY.

IT'S FINE. DID YOU FORGET?

AND...
I DIDN'T MAKE LUNCH TODAY.

AND I THOUGHT UEDA WOULD GET ANGRY IF I CALLED YOU...

YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND NOW,

NO, I...

I REALLY LIKED THAT YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE LUNCH FOR ME.

THANKS FOR DOING IT UP TILL NOW.

IF I DID, IT WOULD BOTHER UEDA SO...

I SEE.

THAT'S NOT IT.

SORRY I MADE YOU.

T...

WHEN I TOLD HIM, "I MADE LUNCH", KAKERU ALWAYS SMILED.

IT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM.

I REALLY LIKED MAKING IT.

And that made me really happy

KAKERU!

I have to tell him that

I didn't go out of my way at all.

WHAT IS IT?

KAKERU—

Good morning!

NOTHING REALLY.

WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

.....

LET'S GO, KAKERU.

NAHO, WHAT WAS IT?

IT'S NOTHING.

.....

...YES.

IS THAT GIRL IN YOUR CLASS?

I should stop talking to him.

Ueda will get angry if I do...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I MOVED HERE FROM TOKYO

BUT I'M STILL NOT USED TO IT.

I CAN'T MEET UP AND TALK TO MY FRIENDS.

YOU GOTTEN USED TO LIVING HERE YET?

REALLY?

YEAH. IT'S FUN.

P(f)

MAN, TALK ABOUT A COUNTRY BUMPKIN.

.....

RIGHT?

WHEN I WAS IN TOKYO,

I COULD JUST GO RIGHT OUT AND GET WHAT I WANTED.

WITHOUT A CAR, YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE. IT'S SO INCONVE-NIENT.

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HERE.

And it's ridiculously cold

All you can see are mountains

WHERE'S KAKERU?

...SURE.

EVERY BREAK SHE COMES.

ANYWAY, HE'S WITH UEDA AGAIN?

Or read at the same time!

DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL!

CHOMP CHOMP

UEDA CAME AND GOT HIM ALREADY.

WHO DO YOU THINK HE'LL SIDE WITH? US OR HER?

.....

ME NEITHER.

I DON'T LIKE HER.

We never see him now.

.....

WHY

DIDN'T I LOOK AT THE ERASER SOONER?

WHY

DIDN'T I JUST TELL HIM "NO" MYSELF?

WHY...

AND SHE'S HOT.

SHUT UP, HAGITA.

MAYBE SHE MAKES HIM FEEL COMFORTABLE NOW THAT HE'S HERE.

SEEMS SHE'S FROM TOKYO TOO.

WELL. IT'S ONLY BEEN A MONTH SINCE HE MOVED, RIGHT?

.....

WHY? YOU WERE HAPPY ABOUT IT BEFORE.

?

WE SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM.

WHY DID HE START DATING HER? THE IDIOT.

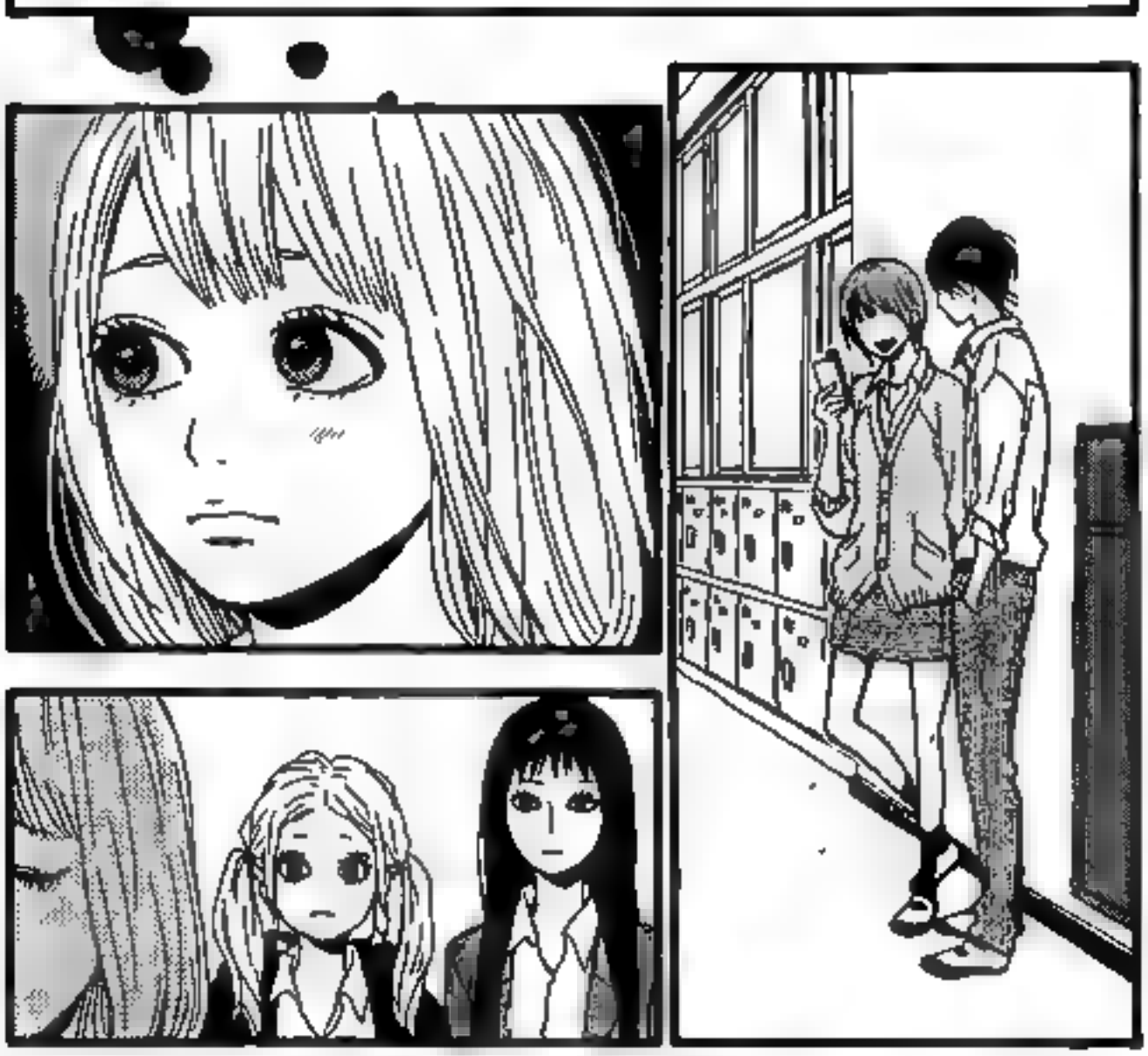
When I think about Kakeru and Ueda,

my heart hurts

I guess living
without regrets
is hard.

I know what
will happen

and I still
choose myself.



「 May 17th 」

- After Kakeru and Ueda started dating, Kakeru and I stopped talking to each other.
- Today was the start. During lunch, even though Kakeru called out to me, when Ueda saw us, I ran away.
- After that, I constantly avoided Kakeru.

◎ I want you to answer when he calls you.

Don't just wait, tell him what you really think.

You should have a lot to say to him.

Tell him what I really think

Bye-bye
Always with
Jeda

IF HE ISN'T ALONE, I CAN'T TALK TO HIM

HE'S...

ALONE?

"I want you to answer"

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

!

NAHO!

!

"If he calls you."

Eh!

Sorry! I was late ♡

You ate already! Meanie!

KAKERU,

"If I had acted
d fferently"

I can't

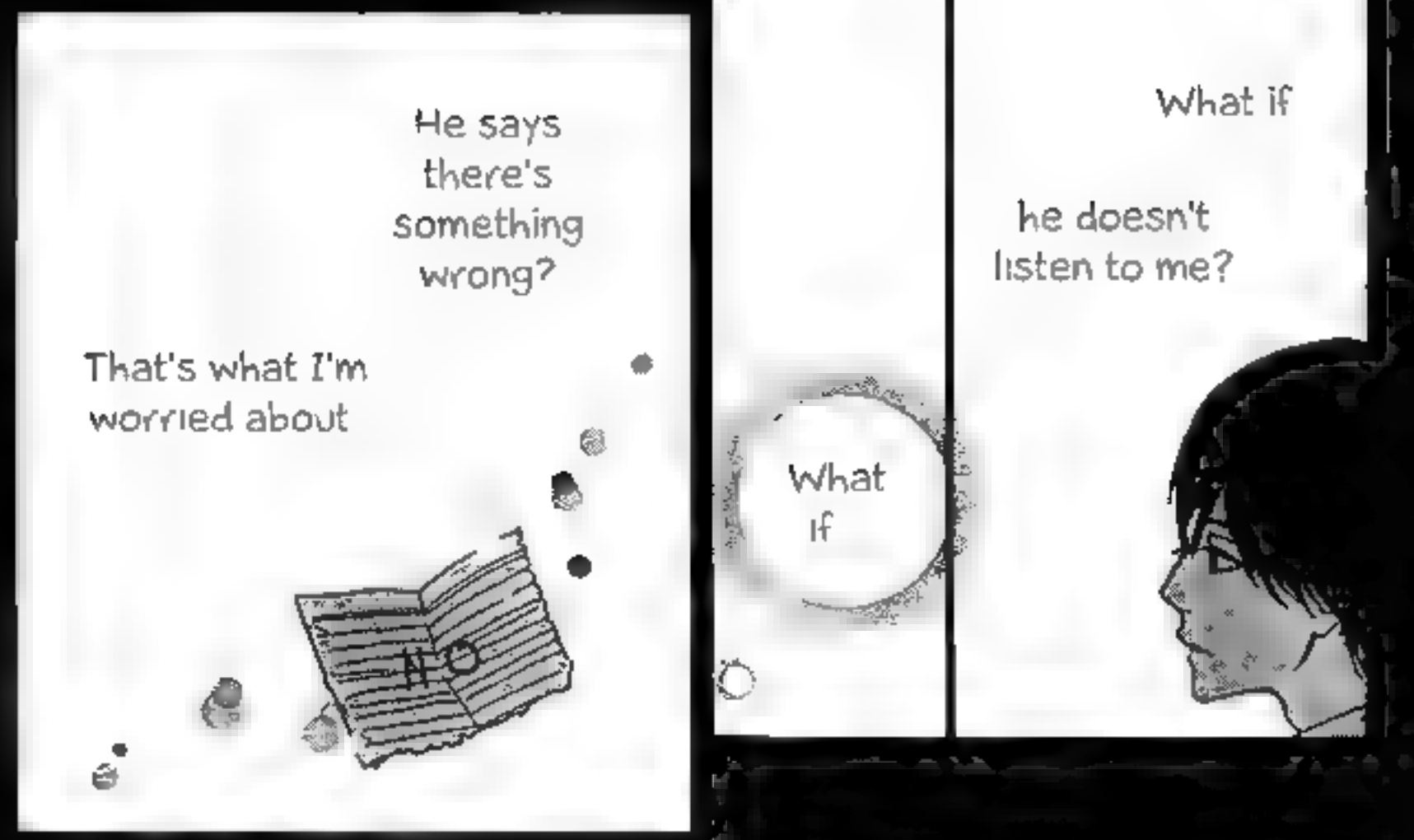
I just
can't

That must be
because she's in
the future.

It's easier to
say that after
the fact.

But at that time,
it was all I
could do.

What if
he doesn't
turn around
when I call
him?



[May 21st]

- After class, Kakeru said, "Bye" to me and he and Ueda got into a fight.

- But afterwards, I went home without doing anything about it.

- I know that afterwards, Kakeru was worried about it.

I think that Kakeru regretted it.

...KA...

KAKERU...

I wish I had noticed he was worried and actually talked to him.

All I could do was think about myself.

WAIT!

KAKERU--

DON

AM

AH,

OOPS!

WHAT?! I JUST BUMPED HER WITH MY BAG!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

She...

pushed me...

THEN APOLOGIZE!

THIS IS YOUR FAULT!!

YOU WERE TALKING TO HER!!

Stop it.

YOU ALRIGHT?

DON'T TALK TO OTHER GIRLS!!

She yelled at him

because of me.

Don't fight.

YOU JERK!!

GETS UP

ARE YOU HURT?

SORRY...

...I'M FINE.

I'm sorry, Kakeru.

I KNEW I COULDN'T DO IT.

SO, I SHOULD JUST NOT SPEAK TO HIM.

AND THEN STARTS GIVING KAKERU PROBLEMS.

BEACUSE OF ME, UEDA STARTS GETTING THE WRONG IMPRESSION

DON

.....!

DON'T RUN AWAY, NAHO.

THEY GOT INTO A FIGHT BECAUSE I TALKED TO HIM...

SO I DON'T THINK I CAN TALK TO HIM LIKE BEFORE...

.....

...HUH?

THIS WASN'T IN THE LETTER.

...BUT...

IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE.

THEN I THINK YOU SHOULD TALK TO HIM.

WE ARE FRIENDS.

BUT I REALLY... HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO HIM...

...KAKERU DID?

HE SAID HE CAN'T EXPLAIN HIMSELF WELL AND GETS DEJECTED.

HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU BUT,

HE CAN'T CONCENTRATE DURING PRACTICE.

AND THIS IS A PROBLEM.

IF YOU RUN AWAY,

THEN HE CAN'T TALK TO YOU.

I was always super aware of Ueda

Was I actually seeing Kakeru?

If I called out to him and he didn't turn around..

And I completely avoided him.

Kakeru called out to me

THANKS SUWA!

I'LL...GO FIND HIM.

THEN GET GOING!

AND I'LL ACTUALLY TALK TO HIM!

I have to tell him.

Even though I was worried about that,

I did something to him I never wanted to.

SHE IS TOTALLY HIDING SOMETHING FROM US. 100%

IT'S NAHO, SO SHE WON'T TELL US.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME FOR SOMETHING.

THANKS SUWA.

BUT I'M GLAD THAT KAKERU DEFENDED HER.

THAT PISSED ME OFF.

I KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING.

AHAHAHA

I WOULD HAVE SENT HER FLYING.

IF SUWA HADN'T STOPPED ME,

The me ten years from now

has regretted this this whole time

Even though he's not there

She had so much she wanted to tell him

He is here now.

Even if it's not clear

we'll fix it till it is.

KAKERU!

KAKERU

YOU SEE--

YOU SAID YOU MADE ME DO IT, BUT

IT WASN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL!

MAKING YOU LUNCH

IT WASN'T OUT OF MY WAY!

IT WAS FUN AND MADE ME REALLY HAPPY!

YOU CALLED MY NAME THAT ONE TIME

BUT I DIDN'T ANSWER YOU! I'M SORRY!

WHAT WAS IT?!

WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?

BUT...

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING, RIGHT?!

LISTEN TO ME.

Kakeru is here now.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

LET IT REACH HIM.

JEEZ, YOU'RE LATE, NAHO...

I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT IT WAS.

I want to treasure this.

This one second,

this one moment

I THINK

I'M GONNA BREAK UP WITH UEDA.

UM, ABOUT TWO WEEKS?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN TOGETHER?

WHAT?!

THAT'S...A PRETTY SHORT TIME, KAKERU.

YEAH.

BUT

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.

THAT WAS FAST.

SOMETHING JUST ISN'T RIGHT WHEN WE TALK.

SINCE WE GOT TOGETHER,

WELL, MAYBE SHE REALLY IS A GOOD PERSON?

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.

Ah ha ha

SURE, BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO BREAK UP WITH HER.

YEP.

YOU SAID YES...'CAUSE SHE WAS PRETTY?

I GUESS YOU SHOULDN'T PICK BASED ON LOOKS.

...NO.

YOU FOUGHT...?

...BECAUSE

TOLD ME NOT TO, RIGHT?

'CAUSE YOU

I...

DIDN'T LIKE NOT BEING ABLE

TO TALK TO YOU.

THAT'S_ EMBAR-RASSING.

He actually got it.

SOMEONE I NOTICE MORE THAN HER.

AND ANYWAY, THERE'S

SOMEONE YOU LIKE?

SOMEONE YOU NOTICE...?

YOU MEAN...

SINCE I WENT OUT WITH HER, I FIGURED IT OUT.

YEAH.

I'M NOT TELLING!

THANKS NAHO! LATER!

I HAVE TO GET TO PRACTICE!

DASH

AH! HE GOT AWAY!

Does the me in the future know who Kakeru noticed?

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THE YOUTH STORY WITH THE BIG ECHO!
Everything is becoming a little bit clearer about Kakeru.
On the other hand, what about high school Naho and Kakeru?
What everyone has been waiting for...
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Let's go into Naho's world for a little bit

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The eagerly anticipated Volume 1 is closed! Let's take a special trip into that world. There are also presents!

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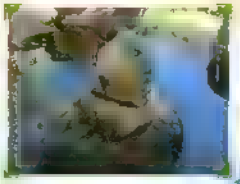
In Nagano Prefecture's Matsumoto City,

The Spring I was 16

The Miracle that connected us



ORANGE IS SET IN NAGANO PREFECTURE'S MATSUMOTO CITY FEEL THE TASTEFULLY LINED STREETS AND THE BEAUTIFUL NATURE.

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3 people
Bring and cloth back. Even though it's cloth you can use it like a regular bag

2 people
A bike and orange-hued rice set. One step to girly

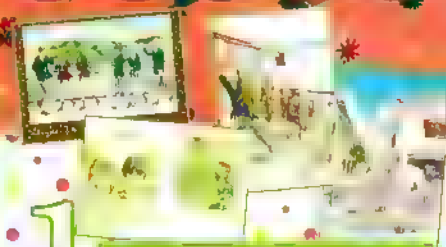
4 people
Light the candle and spin the animals to create a doubling effect

5 people
Put your spare change in. Leave the picking to the editorial staff!

Souvenirs from both Naho & Naho

Special gifts for 100 people

1 person
They are illustrations from covers and opening pages.



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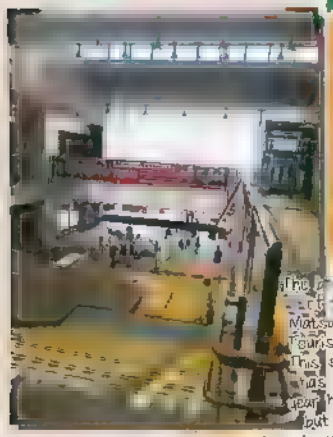
Strawberry Marshmallow

Now to introduce the Matsumoto that Naho and her friends live in

a trip to orange

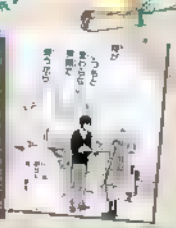
Now, let's head to Matsumoto. Let's go on a walk, through town by illustrations!



Nawate is a shopping arcade lined with row houses. Buy the famous tangyuki and head to the Metoba River bridge, and relax. Chapter 3 opening illustration

After leaving the entrance to school, Naho and Takaki went to this park in chapter 2. This is where Naho found out what happened to Kakeru's Mom

Agata Park



Nawate Street to the Bridge

The [illegible] Matsumoto tourist train station. This station is a 100 year history, but was beautifully reconstructed along with the public square

Matsumoto Art Cover

NAWATE STREET

METOBA RIVER

CLOCK MUSEUM

FLOWER CLOCK PARK

MATSUMOTO ART MUSEUM

AGATA PARK STREET

AGATA PARK

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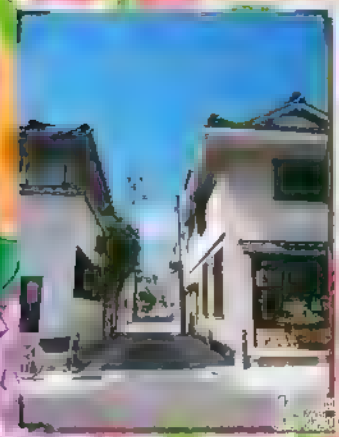
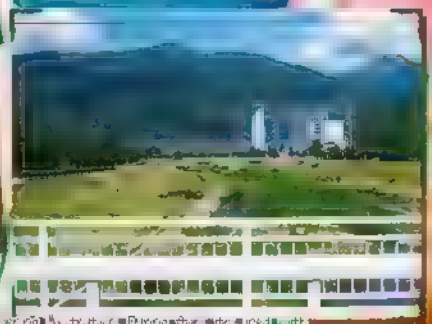
SUSUKI RIVER

CHIKUMA SHRINE



Susuki River and Chikuma Bridge



On our way to Kakeru's Grandmother's house,

all of us in the car

talked about what we thought Kakeru would be like as a 26-year-old.

A "PARALLEL WORLD."

46 pages + color opening

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ICHIGO TAKANO PRESENTS

高野苺

If such a thing could be real

and we were able to change the past

That's

what I thought.

Then a 26-year-old Kakeru would be in my world.

A DEEPENING RIDDLE AND BRIGHT YOUTH.

THE VERY POPULAR SERIAL WITH A COLOR OPENING!!

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The days you were there and my future.

LETTER 5

The anticipated 1st volume is out on Wed. July 25!

CHIGO TAKANO PRESENTS

高野苺

「 May 24th 」

- This day starts a week long absence from school for Kakeru.
- I asked him what happened, but he didn't answer.
- Now I think, it's because it was Kakeru's mother's 49th birthday.

- Kakeru's mother died on the day of opening ceremony.

I asked after Kakeru passed away.

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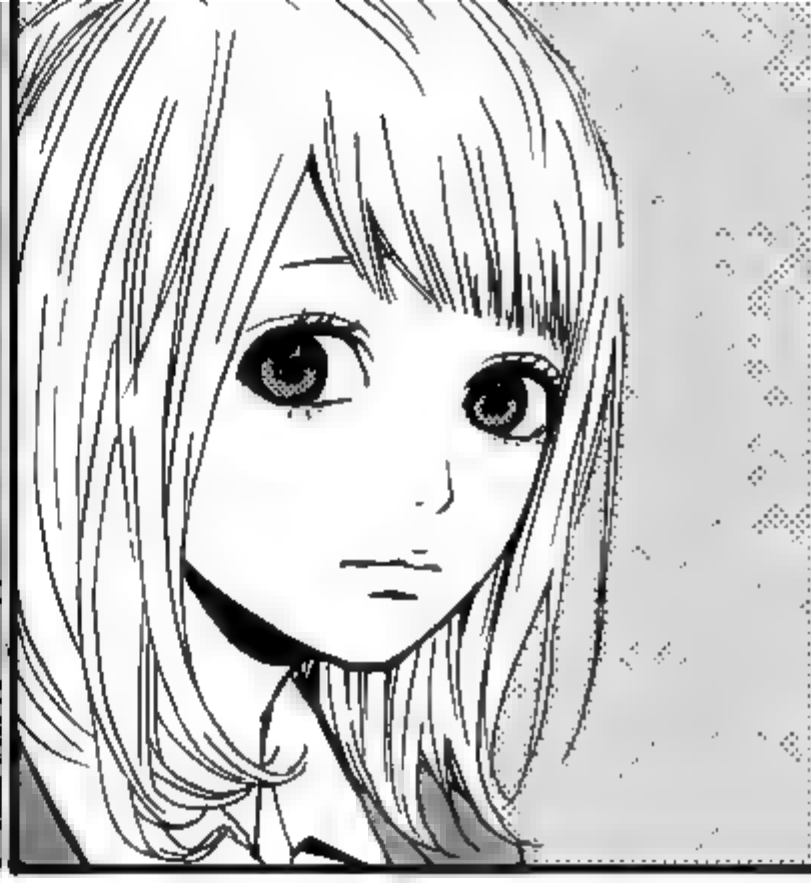
MAYBE KAKERU'S PROBLEMS

ARE ABOUT HIS MOTHER.



"SO...SORRY I ASKED"

"SORRY, I SAID SOME WEIRD THINGS."

MORNING, NAHO!

PA.

Para

IF I...

ACTUALLY ASKED HIM..

STUPID.

LIKE YOU CAN TALK.

SINCE IT WAS ONLY DRIZZLING AT FIRST, I DIDN'T BRING ONE.

UWO

WHERE'S YOUR UMBRELLA?!

YEAH.

IT STARTED RAINING HALFWAY HERE.

KAKERU! YOU'RE SOAKED!

『 June 21st 』

• It poured all morning.
(but cleared up in the afternoon)

• I let an absolutely soaked Kakeru borrow my handkerchief.

I wish I had had a bath towel...

NAHO,

CAN WE GO HOME TOGETHER?!

WHAT ABOUT MINE, TAKAMIYA?

S-SORRY, I ONLY HAVE ONE...

I didn't know so.

YOU'RE AWESOME, NAHO. THANKS!

UHA?!

A BATH TOWEL?! WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT?!

HERE, USE THIS.

SWISH

It's huge!

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

EVERYBODY SHOULD COME!
AZU! TAKA! I'M GOING HOME WITH KAKERU TODAY.
SURE I CAN.
SINCE IT'S RIGHT BEFORE EXAMS, WE DON'T HAVE PRACTICE.
EH.

- Before exams, the soccer club doesn't have practice.
- The six of us all go home together for a change.
- After we split up, Kakeru asks me to study together on the weekend.

Could it be...

WHY'S IT JUST THE TWO OF US...?

I'm glad it's sunny.

HUH?

That us studying together has changed...

GAN

NAHO,

YOU LIVE CLOSE TO JOYAMA PARK, RIGHT?

LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT.

WHOA!

AMAZING!

THAT'S AZUMINO CITY OVER THERE.

YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE WHOLE CITY?!

The mountains are awesome!

KA-CHUNK

NAHO! CLOSE YOUR EYES.

THE ALPS PARK ALSO HAS A GREAT VIEW.

IT'S SO COOL. IT FEELS GREAT.

The Matsumoto view!

And it has lots of animals.

I WANNA GO!

WHAT FOR?!

STAY LIKE THAT TILL I SAY 'OKAY'!

MY EYES?!

EH...

YEP. CLOSE THEM!

QUICKLY!

It's kinda scary...

What's this?!

Hurry up~~~

CLICK

CLICK

I can't see...

YEAH...CAN I OPEN THEM?

NOT YET! WAIT!

Did he just touch my head?

SORRY. THAT SURPRISE YOU?

EEEK!

!!

OKAY!

SUPPORT TAKANDICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

カシャ

SORRY,

BUT I'M JUST GLAD THAT IT LOOKS GOOD.

YOU TOOK A PICTURE?!

AHAHA, SORRY.

WA

WHY?! DELETE IT!

SEE?

...MY HAIR...

It's cute...

YOU MAKE ME LUNCH

AND WAKE ME UP IN THE MORNING.

IT'S A PRESENT

FOR YOU.

THANK YOU.

YOU BOUGHT ME THE JUICE...

THAT WAS TOO SMALL!

YOU DID BEFORE, THOUGH!

...BUT I... DIDN'T MAKE YOU LUNCH OR ANYTHING WHEN YOU WERE WITH UEDA...

I'M SO HAPPY...

THANK YOU, KAKERU.

I was so surprised

I cried.

Kakeru is so nice...

FU— THAT WAS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.

I WAS NERVOUS!

You're from Tokyo.

EH- I THOUGHT IT WAS NORMAL FOR YOU.

Being from Tokyo doesn't matter!

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I DID THAT!

SUPPORT TAKAHO NOHGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

BUT IT'S LIKE,

I WANT TO EAT YOUR LUNCHES, SO

I TURNED HER DOWN.

I WAS KINDA SELFISH.

SORRY.

I'M...

LIVING WITH MY GRANDMA NOW AND

ACTUALLY...THE DAY YOU SAID YOU WOULD MAKE ME LUNCH

SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD DO IT TOO.

...IT'S FINE.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

I like you.

I really like you, Kakeru.

SHALL WE... HEAD DOWN?

...SURE.

I...

HEY, NAHO.

I'm so happy and impatient that

I want to just float to the sky.

The future

YOU FREE THIS WEEKEND?

Is slowly changing.

It's so pretty...

Could Kakeru have picked it out?

Didn't he promise to hang out with Suwa one day?

Was it then?

This is way more expensive than a lunch

I can't not use it that'd be a waste

• After dating Ueda for a month, it looks like they'll break up.

◎ Be careful, he invites you to study, but you still do badly on the test.

Today as well

is all thanks to the letter...

The letter said they were together for a month.

Could she

have gotten a present

from Kakeru too...?

Thank you, me in the future

for sending me that letter.

IT'S SO NEW.

NO UNIFORMS!

IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE, YEAH?

YEAH.

EH? ISN'T THAT YOUR BOY-FRIEND, RIO?

HUH? WE BROKE UP ALREADY.

WELL. I DID INVITE SUWA, BUT HE SAID HE COULDN'T COME.

JUST THE TWO OF US.

OH...I SEE.

THEY'RE NOT COMING.

.....

WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

IF WE WERE ALL HERE, WE'D JUST MESS AROUND.

BUT...

.....

HE'S WITH ANOTHER GIRL ALREADY.

I mean it's the library

and it'll be quiet.

JUST THE TWO OF US STUDYING.

I'M REALLY NERVOUS.

SHE'S SO UGLY.

SUPPORT TAKAHO IGNO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

BUT AS ALWAYS,

HE WAS HAPPY AND SMILED.

AND I HANDED THEM TO HIM, HOPING HE WOULDN'T GET MAD.

THOSE DAYS KAKERU WAS ABSENT, I SECRETLY TOOK NOTES FOR HIM.

Math

HUH?

World History

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Even though I
like him this much

there is no Kakeru
in the future.

Just how
sad

was the
future me?

Kakeru

And the
future me

I want to
save them.

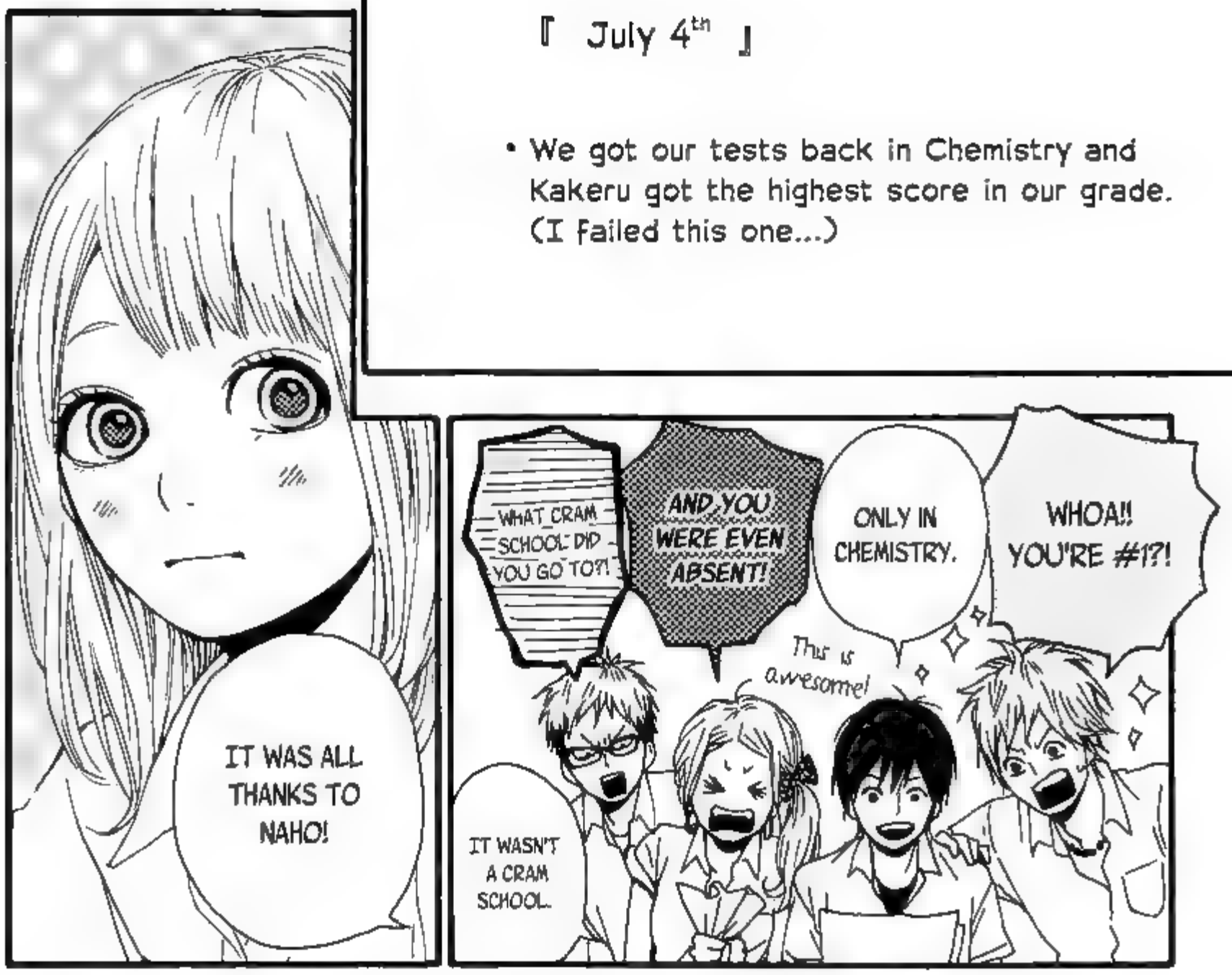
I don't
want

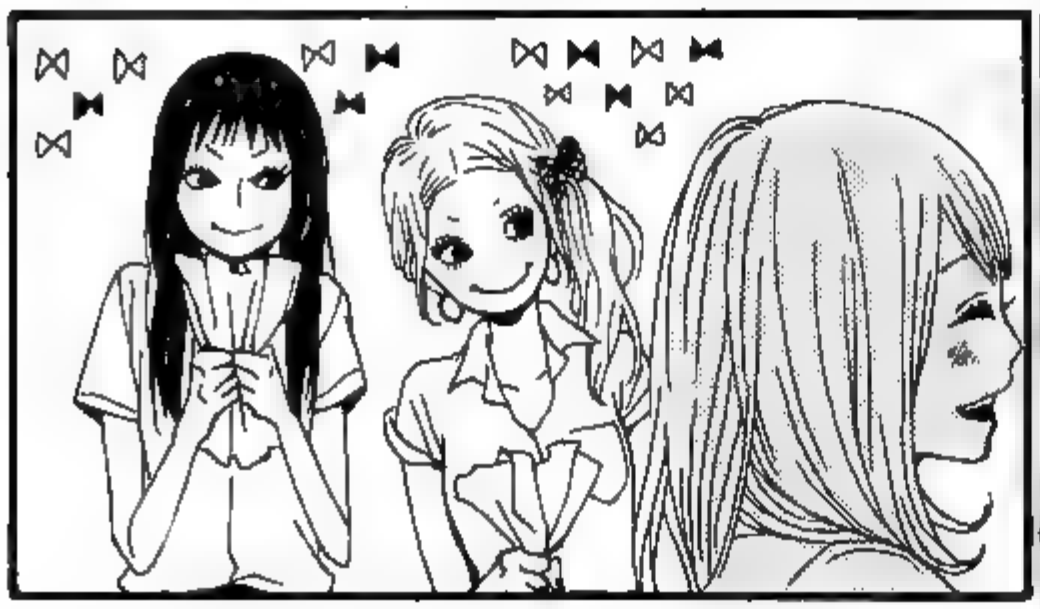
to experience
those feelings.

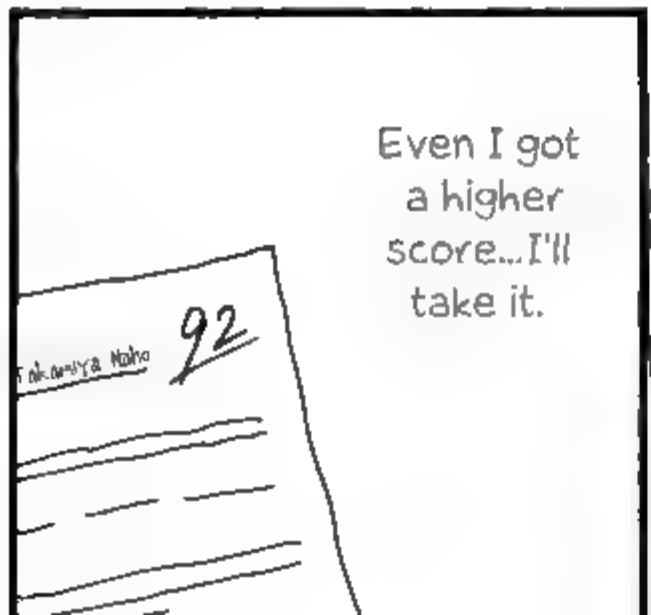
SUPPORT THE MANGA CREATED BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

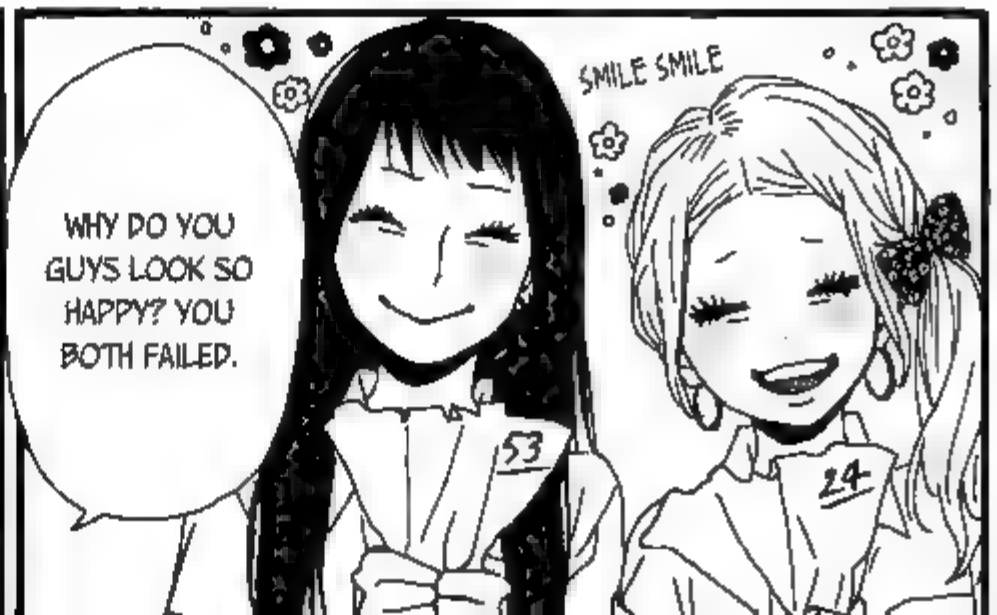
『 July 4th 』

• We got our tests back in Chemistry and Kakeru got the highest score in our grade. (I failed this one...)


IT WAS ALL THANKS TO NAHO!
WHAT CRAM SCHOOL DID YOU GO TO?!
AND, YOU WERE EVEN ABSENT!
ONLY IN CHEMISTRY.
WHOA!! YOU'RE #1?!
This is awesome!
IT WASN'T A CRAM SCHOOL.



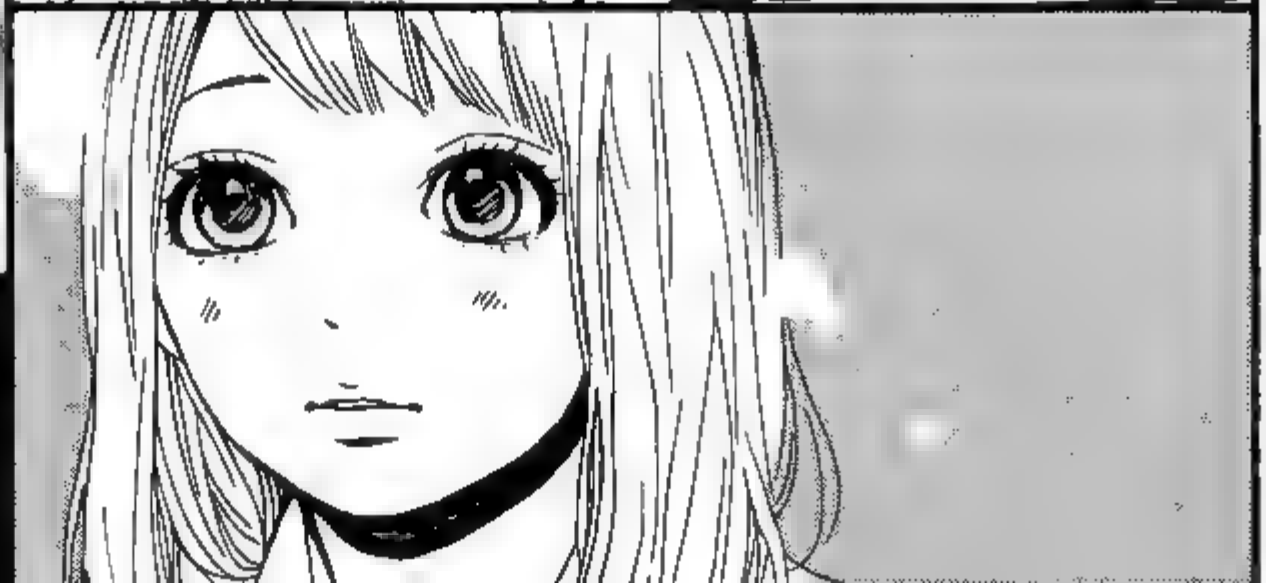




After we got out tests back, we still had time left in class, so Mr. Nakano talked to us.

It was really interesting and I still remember it.

It was about 'Time Slips'.



"IF ONLY I COULD USE A TIME MACHINE AND GO GET THE ANSWERS."

"WHAT IF I ALREADY KNEW THE QUESTIONS ON THE TEST?"

BEFORE THIS TEST, I BET YOU ALL WERE THINKING

I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO BUILD A TIME MACHINE.

FIRST, TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THE FUTURE,

YOU'D NEED SOMETHING THAT COULD MOVE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT.

. But if there were time machines

wouldn't she just come back herself...?

sigh

Could that letter... have come through a time machine...?

Wait. We will have time machines ten years from now?!

---THIS IS HOW YOU EXPLAIN SIMPLE TIME TRAVEL THEORETICALLY.

AND THIS IS A THEORY BASED ON IMPROBABLE, BUT STILL POSSIBLE FACTS.

$T=\sqrt{1-(v/c)^2}$

BY APPLYING EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY...

Speed of light

?

?

A "BLACK HOLE"

IF ONE WERE TO CREATE A BLACK HOLE, I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO TIME TRAVEL.

*TL/N - I am not a scientist, so I hope I explained this correctly or that it makes sense.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WERE SWALLOWED BY A BLACK HOLE?

THERE IS A THEORY THAT TIME TRAVEL IS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE TIME-SPACE DISTORTION CAUSED BY THE BLACK HOLE'S ENOURMOUS GRATIVATION.

time slip

A BLACK HOLE HAS AN IMMENSE GRAVITATIONAL PULL.

IT'S A FORCE THAT SWALLOWS EVERYTHING.

SCRATCH

YES, HAGITA?

MR. NAKANO.

I THINK THAT TIME TRAVEL IS IMPOSSIBLE.

WE'VE ALREADY STARTED TESTING THE CREATION OF A BLACK HOLE.

THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUILD A TIME MACHINE.

IF A BLACK HOLE COULD BE USED TO MANIPULATE THINGS AT WILL,

BUT IF WE DID, WHAT KIND OF INCONSISTENCIES WOULD OCCUR?

IF WE COULD TEMPORARILY TRAVEL IN TIME

AND THEN, WHAT ABOUT THE YOU THAT USED THE MACHINE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

IN THE FUTURE THAT YOU CHANGED, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO GO BACK IN TIME.

.....

FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU WENT BACK INTO THE PAST AND CHANGED THINGS YOU WANTED TO CHANGE

THAT IS WHAT WE CALL A "TIME PARADOX".

WELL...

SO I THINK TIME TRAVEL IS IMPOSSIBLE.

THEN THERE ARE LIMITS TO THE AMOUNT OF INCONSISTENCIES

Shut up

Well, look at you.

BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO NOT CREATE A "PARADOX", OR INCONSISTENCIES.

THERE ARE MANY SCHOLARS WHO USE THAT THEORY TO NEGATE TIME TRAVEL

CAN CREATE NUMEROUS CRUTCHES OF THE PAST AND FUTURE.

BUT A PARALLEL WORLD

THE INCONSISTENCY LIES WITH THE IDEA THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE PAST AND ONE FUTURE.

AND THAT'S A "PARALLEL WORLD."

Future

Present

Past

Parallel World

Future

Present

Past

Alternate World

IN A PARALLEL WORLD,

YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE PAST OF THE WORLD YOU ARE IN.

AND SO, YOU CAN'T DEVELOP INCONSISTEN-CIES.

BUT IN A PARALLEL WORLD, CHANGING THE PAST

YOU WOULD CREATE A DIFFERENT FUTURE.

BUT IT WOULDN'T INFLUENCE YOUR OWN FUTURE.

SO, IF THE POSSIBILITY OF TIME TRAVEL ACTUALLY EXISTS

THEN WE WOULD HAVE PROOF THAT PARALLEL WORLDS EXISTED.

DING DONG

BING BONG

GATAN

RISE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE COME ASK.

THAT'S THE BELL, SO WE'LL STOP HERE.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

AFTER LISTENING TO MR. NAKANO,

I'D SAY YES.

NO. THERE IS ONLY ONE PAST AND ONE FUTURE.

DO YOU THINK PARALLEL WORLDS

EXIST?

BUT IF THEY DO,

THAT MEANS YOU COULDN'T

GO AND CORRECT A MISTAKE IN THE PAST WITH A TIME MACHINE.

AND THAT'S SAD...

BUT IF THERE IS ONLY ONE PAST AND ONE FUTURE LIKE HAGITA SAYS,

AND SO THE PAST CHANGES...

THE LETTER IS CHANGING THIS WORLD FOR THE BETTER

THAT MEANS...

THEN BY CHANGING THE PAST BY SENDING THAT LETTER SHOULD MEAN

THE FUTURE CHANGES AND SO SHOULD THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER.

BUT THE LETTER HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

WITH THE EXISTENCE OF PARALLEL WORLDS,

SO THAT MEANS...

THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE PAST?

AND THEN MY WORLD THAT THEY'VE CHANGED.

THERE IS A WORLD WHERE THE CONTENTS ARE THE SAME

I've helped Kakeru, but

The me in the future hasn't erased those regrets...

the me in the future that sent me the letter hasn't changed.

NAHO?

...THAT'S...

...I'm sorry

I'm so sorry.

To the other world's Kakeru...

IF I HAD TOLD HIM NOT TO DATE UEDA...

I WISH I HAD MADE HIM LUNCH.

I WANTED KAKERU TO PLAY SOCCER.

AT THE SPORTS TOURNAMENT,

...YEAH

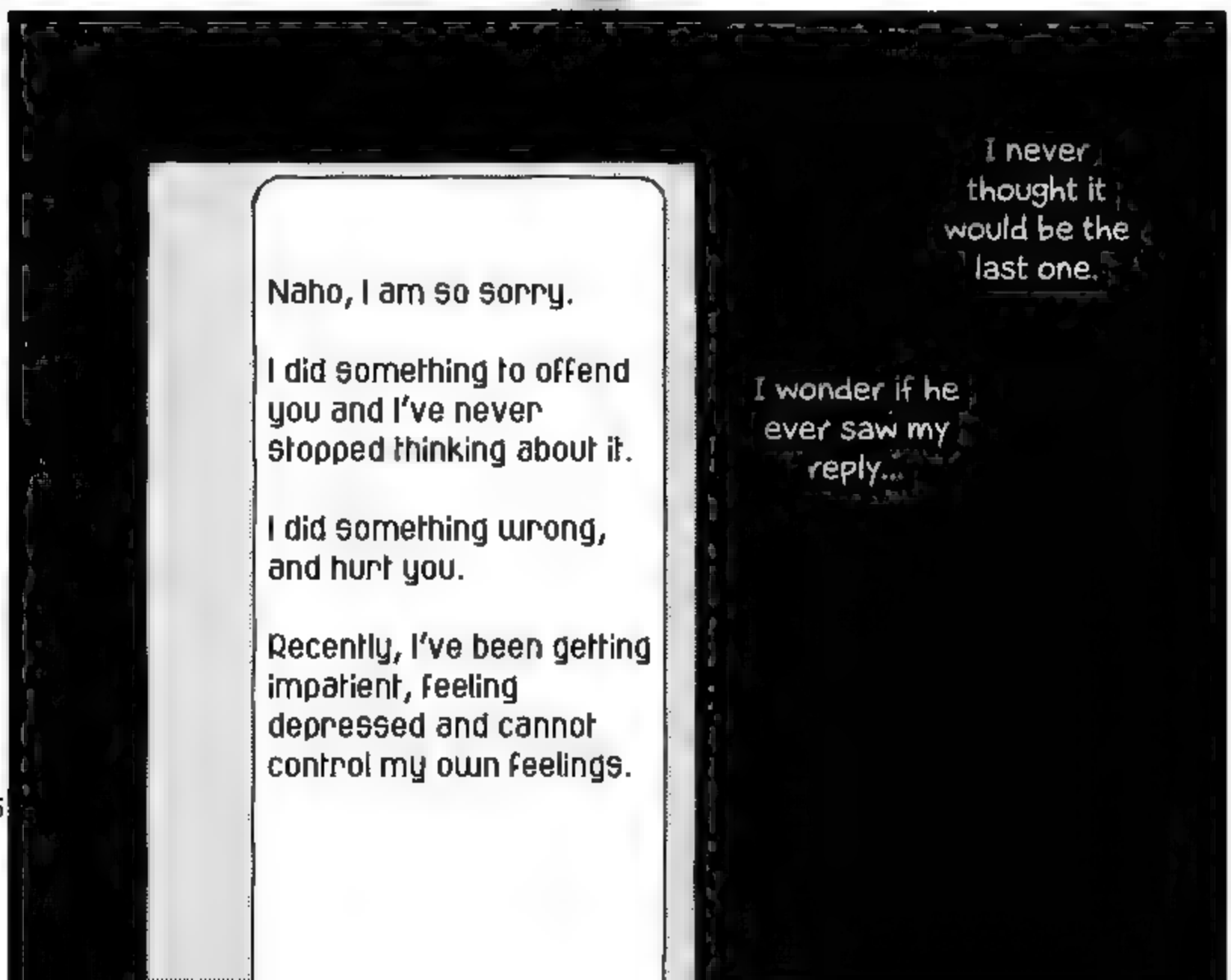
AND COULD CHANGE THE FUTURE...

THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH I REGRETTED.

I WANTED...

TO GIVE HIM SO MUCH MORE HAPPINESS...

A little before
Kakeru died
I got a text
from him.


Naho, I am so sorry.
I did something to offend you and I've never stopped thinking about it.
I did something wrong, and hurt you.
Recently, I've been getting impatient, feeling depressed and cannot control my own feelings.
I never thought it would be the last one.
I wonder if he ever saw my reply...

Thank you.

This is sudden, but

If I asked you who you gave Valentine's chocolate to
I don't think you would answer me.

Besides that

I'm really sorry.

That's it.

BAM

CLICK

YEAH.

YOU FEELING BETTER?

YOU OKAY?

haha

I DIDN'T FEEL SO WELL.

That's not totally true, but...

I WAS SO SURPRISED.

I SAW YOU CRYING.

I'M SORRY...

I JUST STARTED TO FEEL BAD...

CAN YOU EAT?

LET'S EAT TOGETHER.

I BROUGHT

YOUR LUNCH.

AND THEN SHE WENT BACK TO THE MATH ROOM. SO WE'LL EAT TOGETHER.

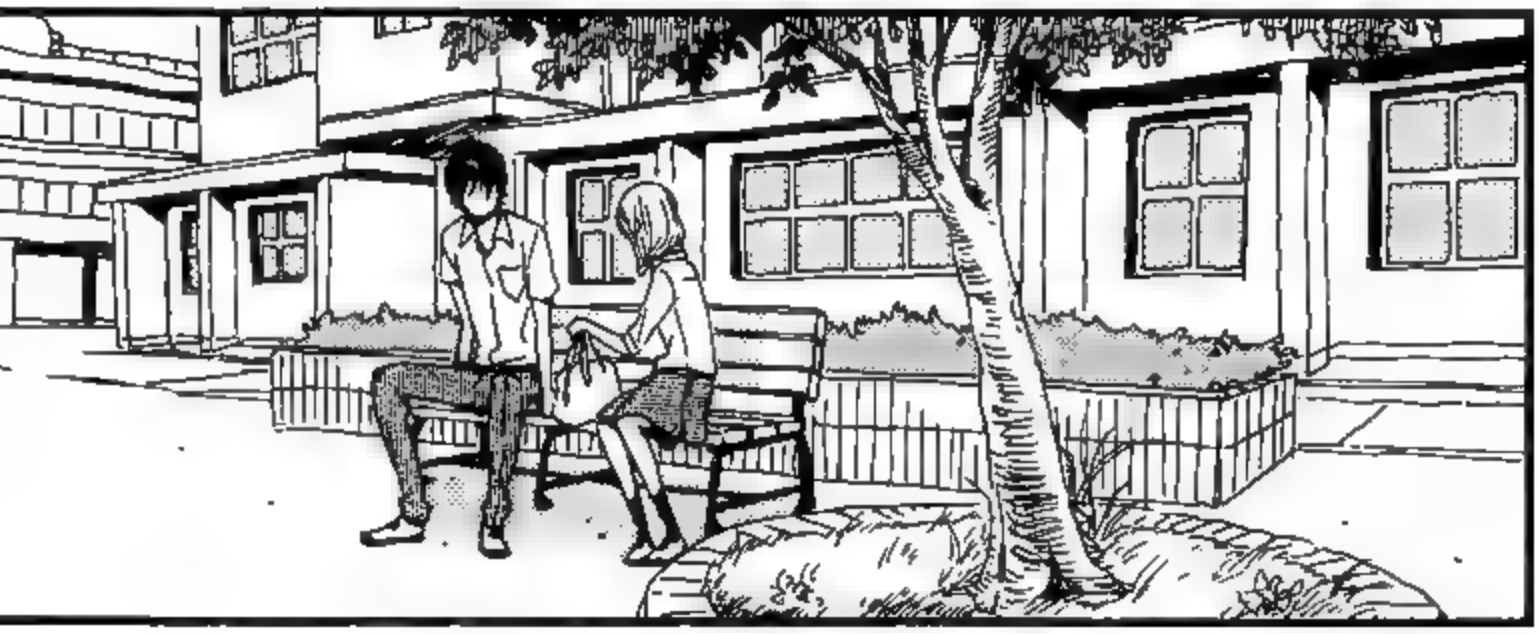
Right right

I ASKED AZU TO BRING YOUR LUNCH

It's fine??

IT'S FINE. IT'S FINE.

WHERE IS EVERYONE?



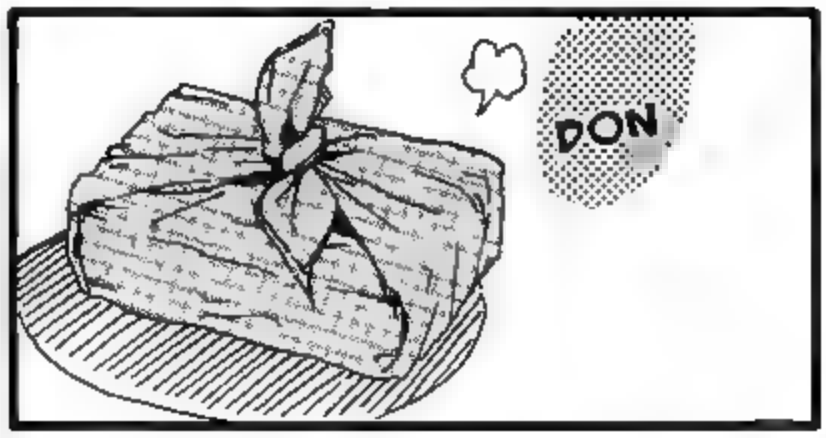
I'LL MAKE YOUR LUNCH FROM HERE ON OUT IF YOU'D LIKE.

THANK YOU!!

SERIOUSLY?!

I wondered why your lunch bag was so heavy!

I WOULD, I WOULD! THANK YOU SO MUCH!



ACTUALLY...I BROUGHT YOUR SHARE AS WELL...

DO YOU WANT IT?

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- After Chemistry ended, we all walked to math and talked about the cultural festival.

  We told Kakeru about last year's festival.

- They shoot off fireworks every year and Kakeru said, "Let's go see them together".

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.....

THE FUTURE...I GUESS?

The cultural festival promise is gone now.

IF YOU COULD GO TO THE PAST OR THE FUTURE, WHICH WOULD YOU PICK?

...I SEE.

I'D GO TO THE PAST.

LIKE, IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST,

...HOW COME?

...I WANT TO ERASE MY REGRETS.

THEN I'D LIKE TO KNOW THE FUTURE AND CHANGE THE PRESENT.

EVEN IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST,

MY HEART WOULD BE LIGHTER.

THAT WOULD BE BETTER THAN CARRYING YOUR REGRETS FOR A LIFETIME.

YOUR...

REGRETS...?

THANKS FOR THE FOOD~

IT WAS DELICIOUS.

CLAP

Those words of Kakeru's

weren't about going forward.

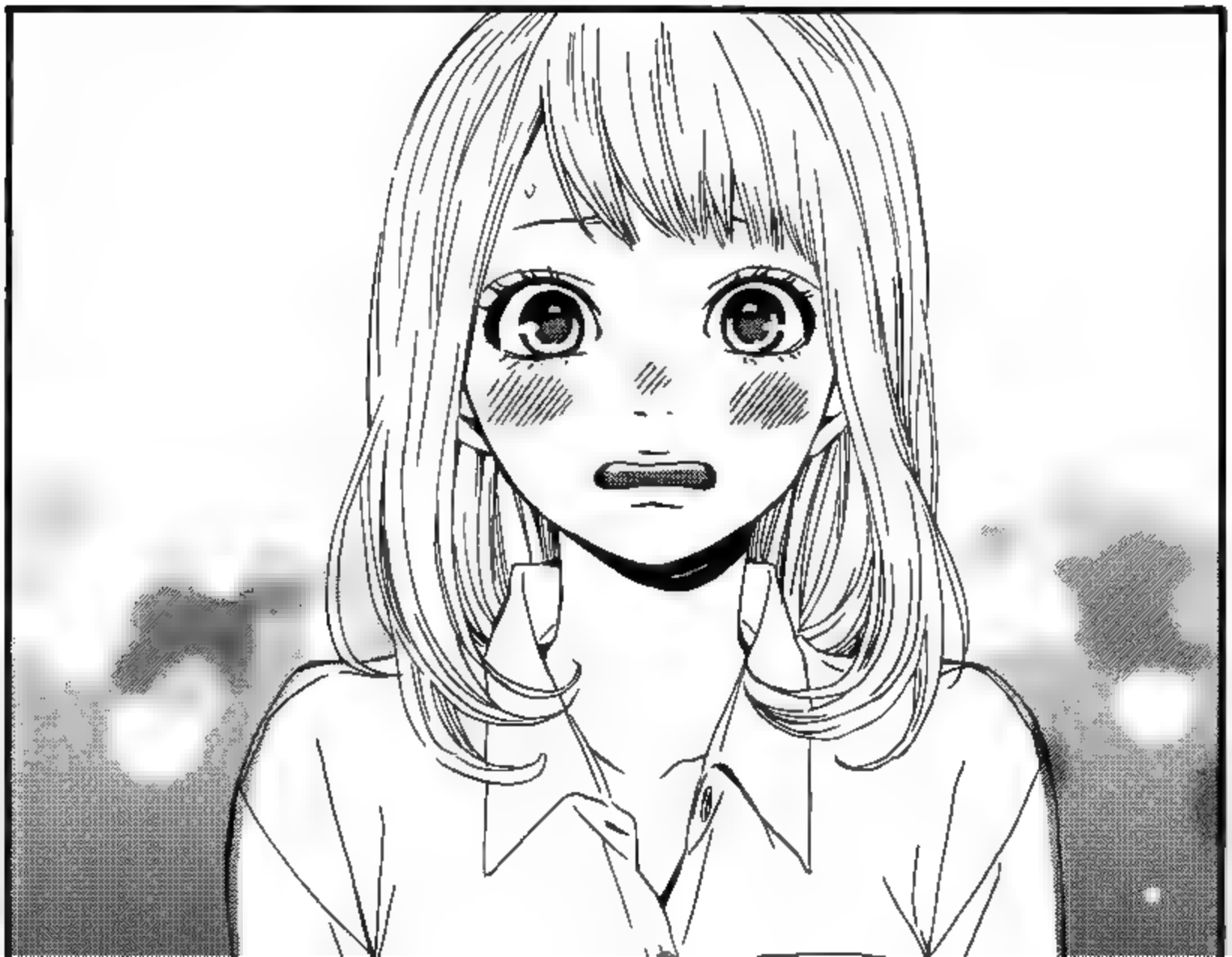
SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

• By changing the past, we might also be changing good memories (If that's so, I'm sorry.)

But, there is one thing in the past I don't want to change.

• That's my memories of the cultural festival fireworks.

◎ Don't lose that memory.



LET'S GO

LE...

THE SHOOTING OF THE FIREWORKS

SEE...

TOGETHER!

TH...

THAT'S NOT IT...

AH, RIGHT!

LET'S WATCH THEM WITH EVERYBODY!

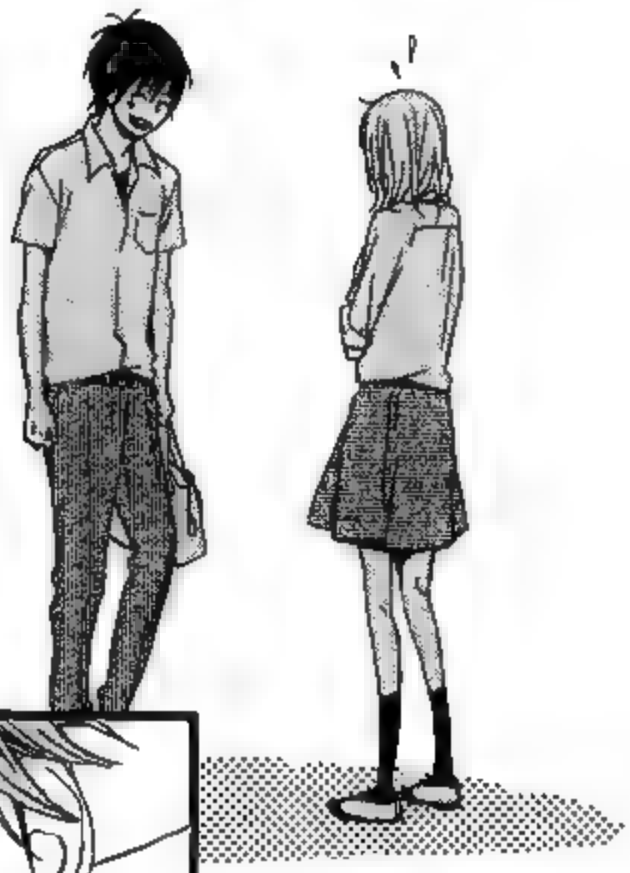
JUST THE TWO OF US.

TO INVITE SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE MYSELF...

EH.

My hope for
Kakeru



In the future.

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WED. JULY 25TH COMIC RELEASE

Spring of Junior year Naho, received one letter. The sender...was herself. ten years in the future. Written there was a list of things she wanted her to do. And slowly change the present...

NAGANO PREFECTURE'S MATSUMOTO CITY...

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【オレンジ】

高野苺 no.1

ichigo takano

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THE SPRING I WAS 16.

THE MIRACLE THAT CONNECTED US.

THE DAYS YOU HAVE AND MY FUTURE.

orange

ICHIGO TAKANO PRESENTS

LETTER 6

The first volume of the manga has been released, and amount of attention is escalating, even more!

orange STORY AND CHARACTERS

Story so far: One day a letter from her future self arrives for Naho. In the letter, "events that will occur" and "choose this path", and also, "during the winter when he was 17, Kakeru dies in an accident." are written down. In order to save Kakeru and not regret her actions, Naho decides to take action according to what's in the letter. However, recently the contents in the letter are rapidly starting to conflict with her world right now... This world and the future are "parallel worlds", on a different time axis, and no matter what she does, the world of the future Naho won't change? Naho becomes uneasy. However, in the letter, "Please don't change the memory of the cultural festival fireworks." is written down. In order to respond to that, Naho invites Kakeru to the fireworks herself.

A second year high school student living in Matsumoto city, Nagano prefecture. She doesn't have confidence in herself and has trouble giving her opinion and saying what she wants.

Suwa Hiroto:
He's in the soccer club.
He's the leader of the group.

Murasaka Azusa:
Her home is a bread shop.
She's always happy and won't ever cry.

Sagita Saku:
He's very smart and always studying. He's not good at physical activity.

Chino Takako:
She's bright and an ally of girls. She has a brave personality.

WHAT, KAKERU.
YOU SEEM REALLY HAPPY.

ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL,

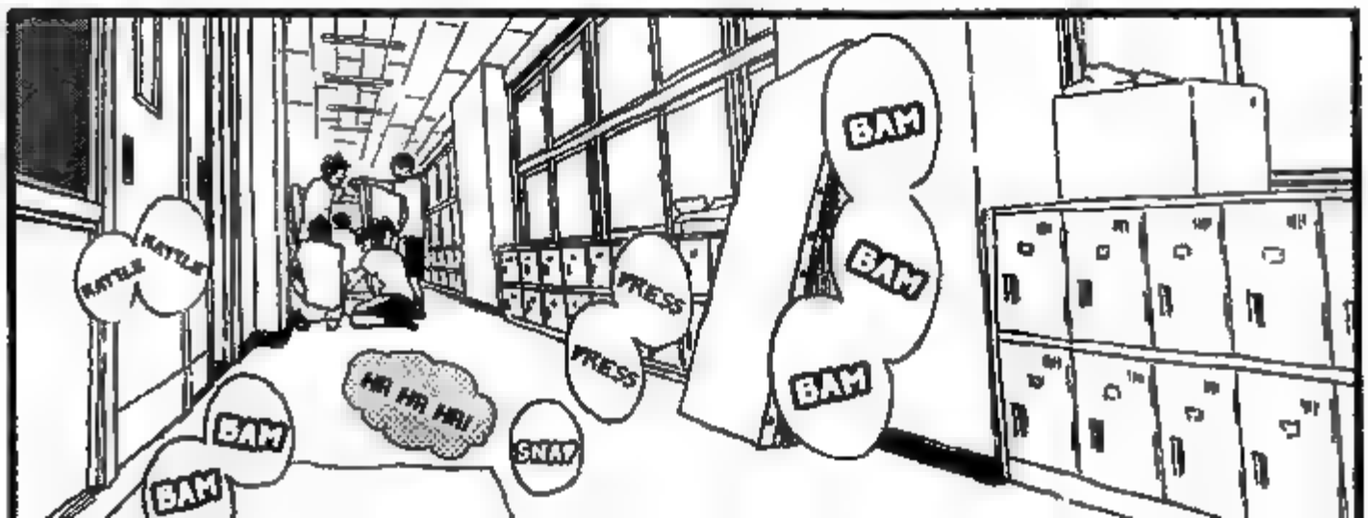
I'M GOING TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS TOGETHER WITH NAHO.
SO IS IT OKAY?

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?
... BECAUSE

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

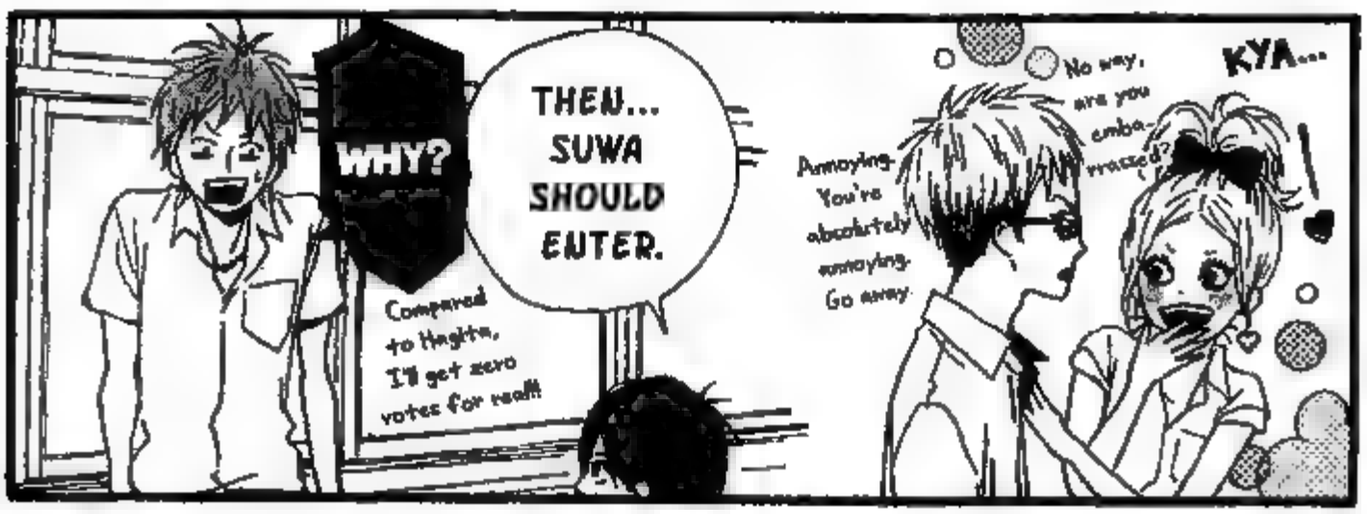
...HAH!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE!
HEH.
YOU LIKE NAHO, RIGHT?

WHAT? SERIOUS-LY!?
I THINK EVERYONE HAS NOTICED IT.
EXCEPT FOR NAHO.


RATTLE
RATTLE
BAM
BAM
HA HA HA!
SNAP
PRESS
PRESS
BAM
BAM
BAM

*T/N Citrus Fruit

DON'T FLATTER HIM, AZU!
.....
HE'S GOING TO LOSE IT!
He's staring off in the distance!
HA HA HA
I LIKE THEM THOUGH.
IF YOU TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES, I THINK YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD.


WHY?
THEN... SUWA SHOULD ENTER.
Compared to Hagita, I'll get zero votes for real!
Annoying. You're absolutely annoying. Go away.
No way, are you embarrassed?
KYA...

THE OTHER DAY, THE THREE MANAGERS CONFESSED TO YOU, RIGHT?
SUWA IS POPULAR.

ARE YOU SAYING GOOD THINGS?
WOW!! I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIANT WITH A HEALTHY APPETITE AND MUSCULAR!?
YEAH. MOREOVER, THREE OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME.
THREE OF THEM!? FROM THE SOCCER CLUB?
HUH!?
AND!? WHO DID YOU CHOOSE!?

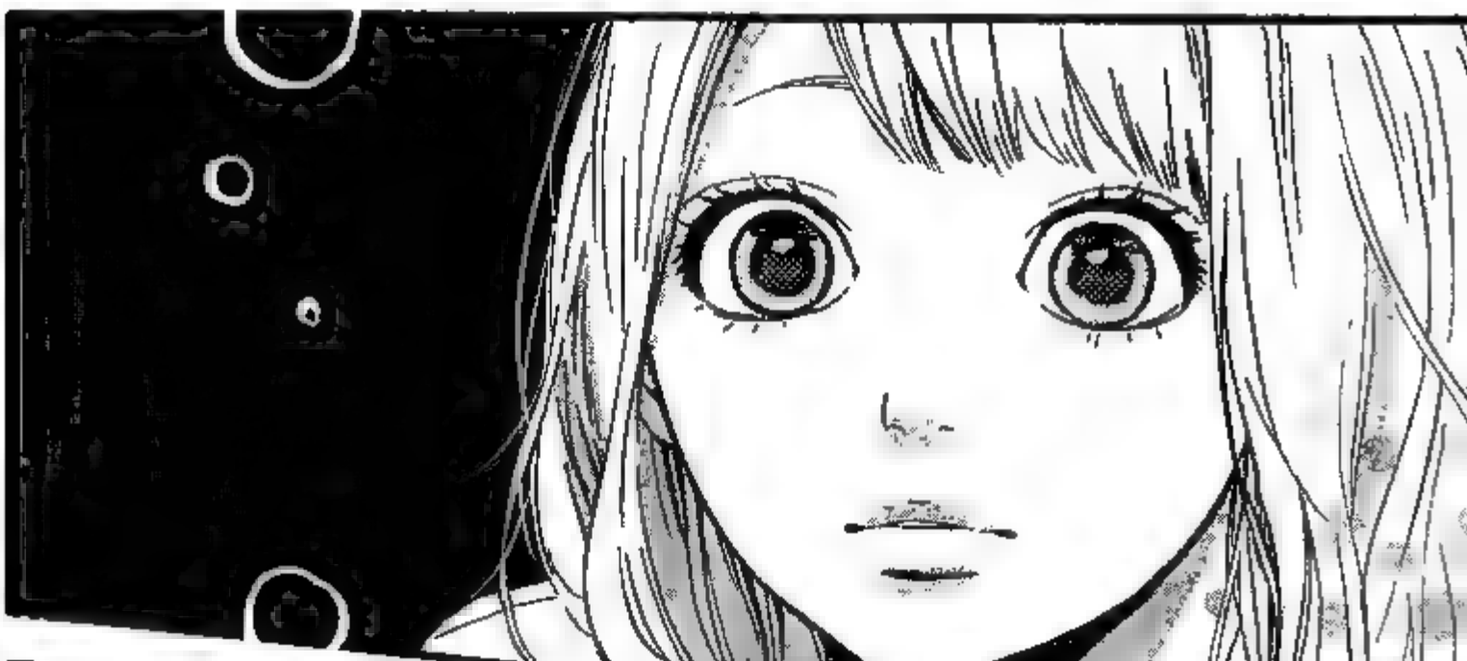
FOR SURE.
HMMM.
HUH?

YOU'RE NOT SURPRISED?
...WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION?

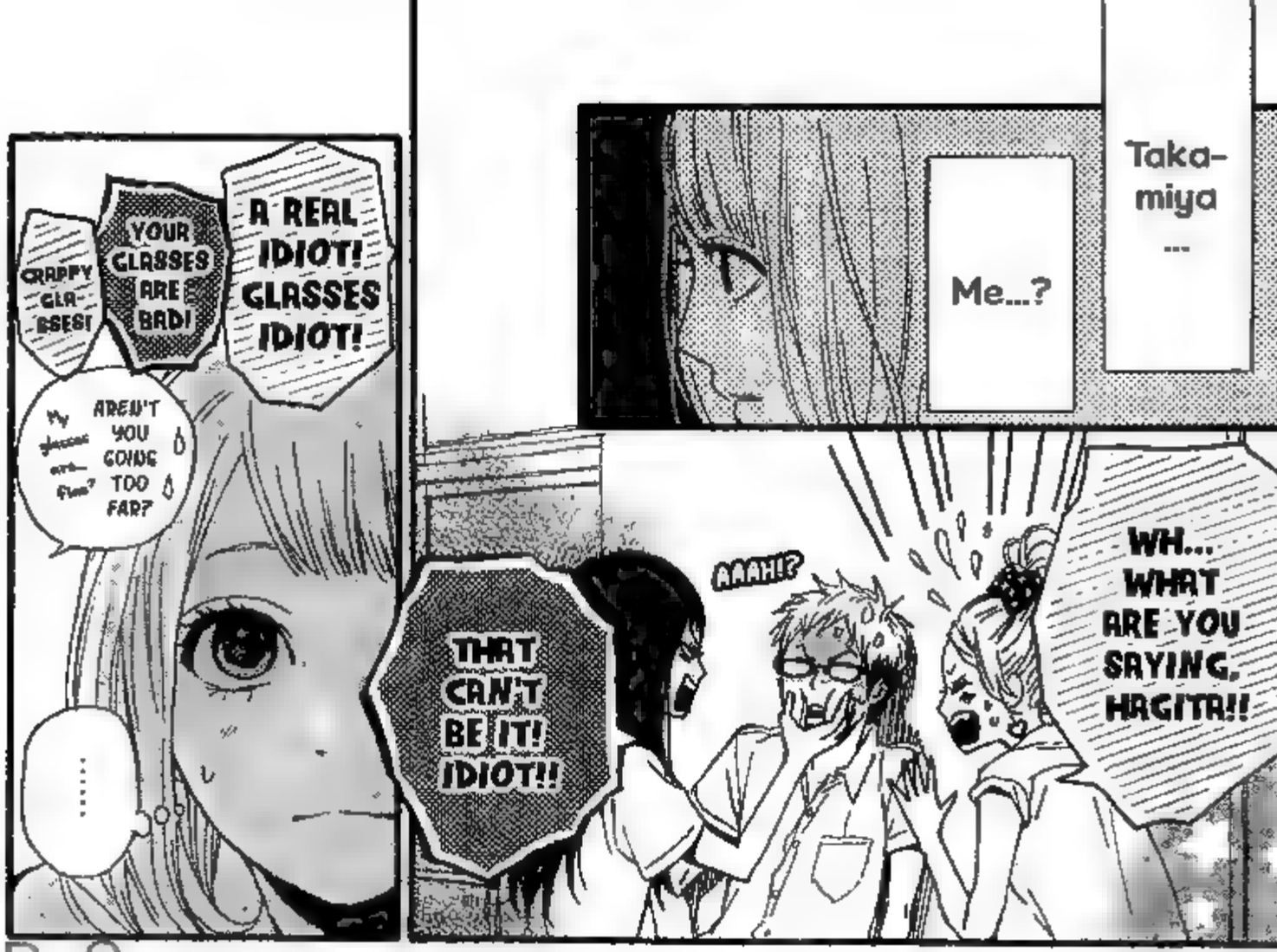
I HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE.
I TURNED THEM DOWN. ALL OF THEM.

I intended to keep it hidden.
SERIOUSLY, EVERYONE KNOWS, HUH?
WE KNOW.
... BECAUSE

IS TAKAMIYA, RIGHT?
Why does everyone know?
THE PERSON THAT SUWA LIKES



SHOVE
STUPID.
HIT


Taka-
miya
...
Me...?
A REAL IDIOT! GLASSES IDIOT!
YOUR GLASSES ARE BAD!
CRAPPY GLASSES!
AREN'T YOU GOING TOO FAR?
.....
THAT CAN'T BE IT! IDIOT!!
AAAH!?
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, HAGITA!!

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DING, DONG
FOR YOUR INFORMATION
...But Suwa has someone he likes.
I WONDER WHO.
Th... that's right.
Of course.
THAT CAN'T BE IT.

I'M FINE.
IT'S OKAY.
THAT'S NOT MY INTENTION.
SO WE CAN'T HELP YOU OUT... SORRY.
WE'RE NAHO'S ALLIES.

NAHO AND KAKERU WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!
THEN, WE'RE GOING TO CHEER ON
YEAH.
IF SO, I'LL BE HAPPY.
IF NAHO AND KAKERU START GOING OUT, YOU'LL BE FINE WITH IT?

IT'S FINE BY ME.
SINCE YOU SAY THAT YOU'LL COOPERATE THEN
I SAID I'M FINE!
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY!?
THERE ISN'T ANY HOPE, RIGHT? EVEN A LITTLE!
AND I'M ALSO NAHO AND KAKERU'S ALLY.

YOU'RE A FOOL.
sfx Cicada sounds
MIIIIN
MINMIN
MIIIIN

July 13

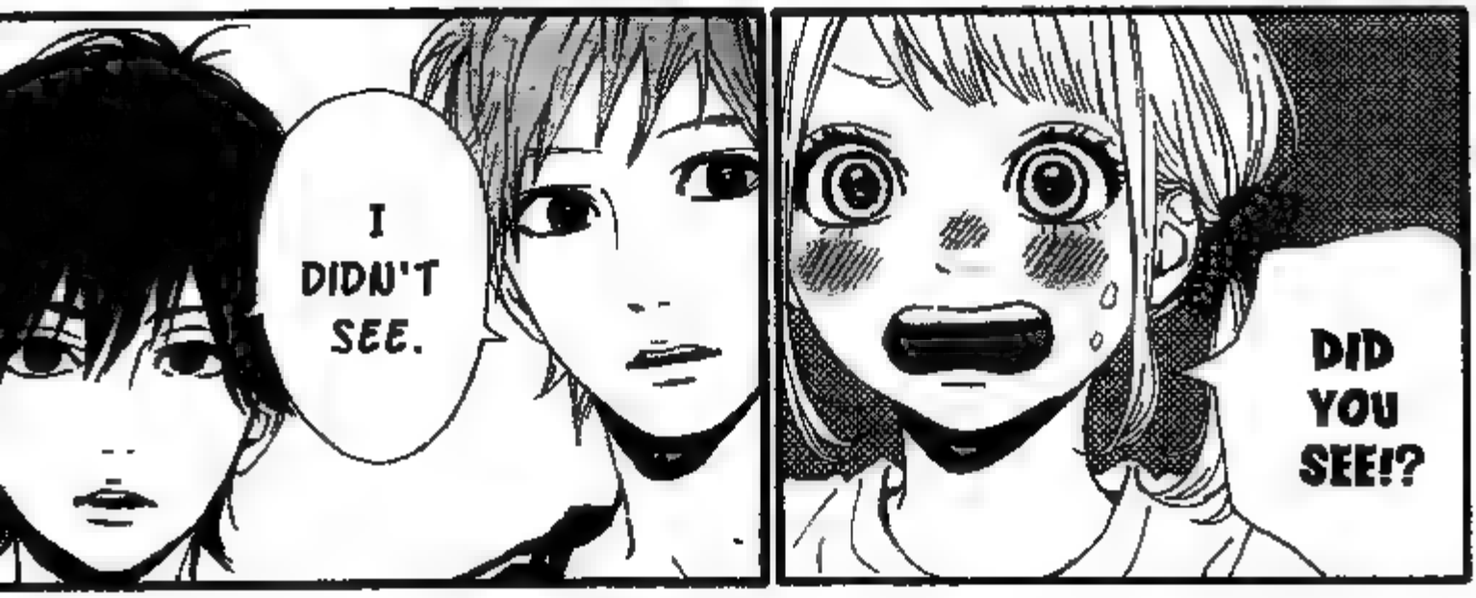
• The first day of the "Azalea" cultural festival.

• Class 2-6 is doing a "Pool House"

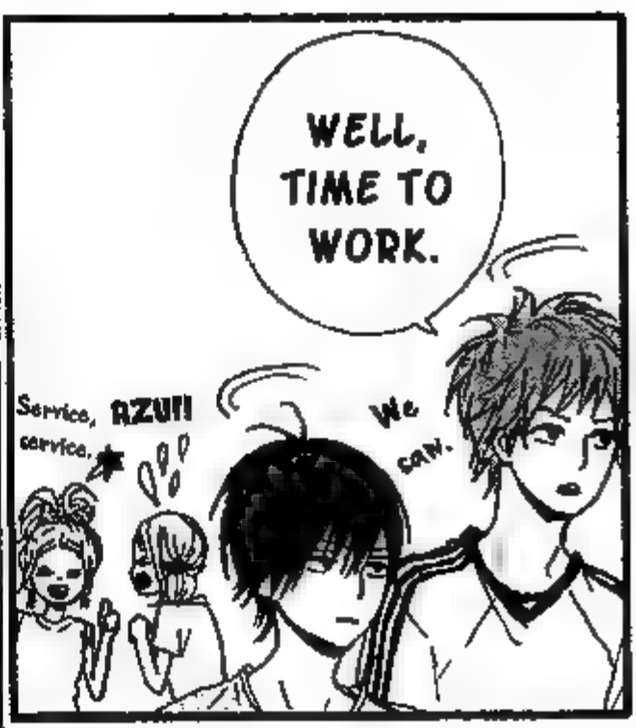
• Azu and Taka-chan are wearing their matching floral print shorts.

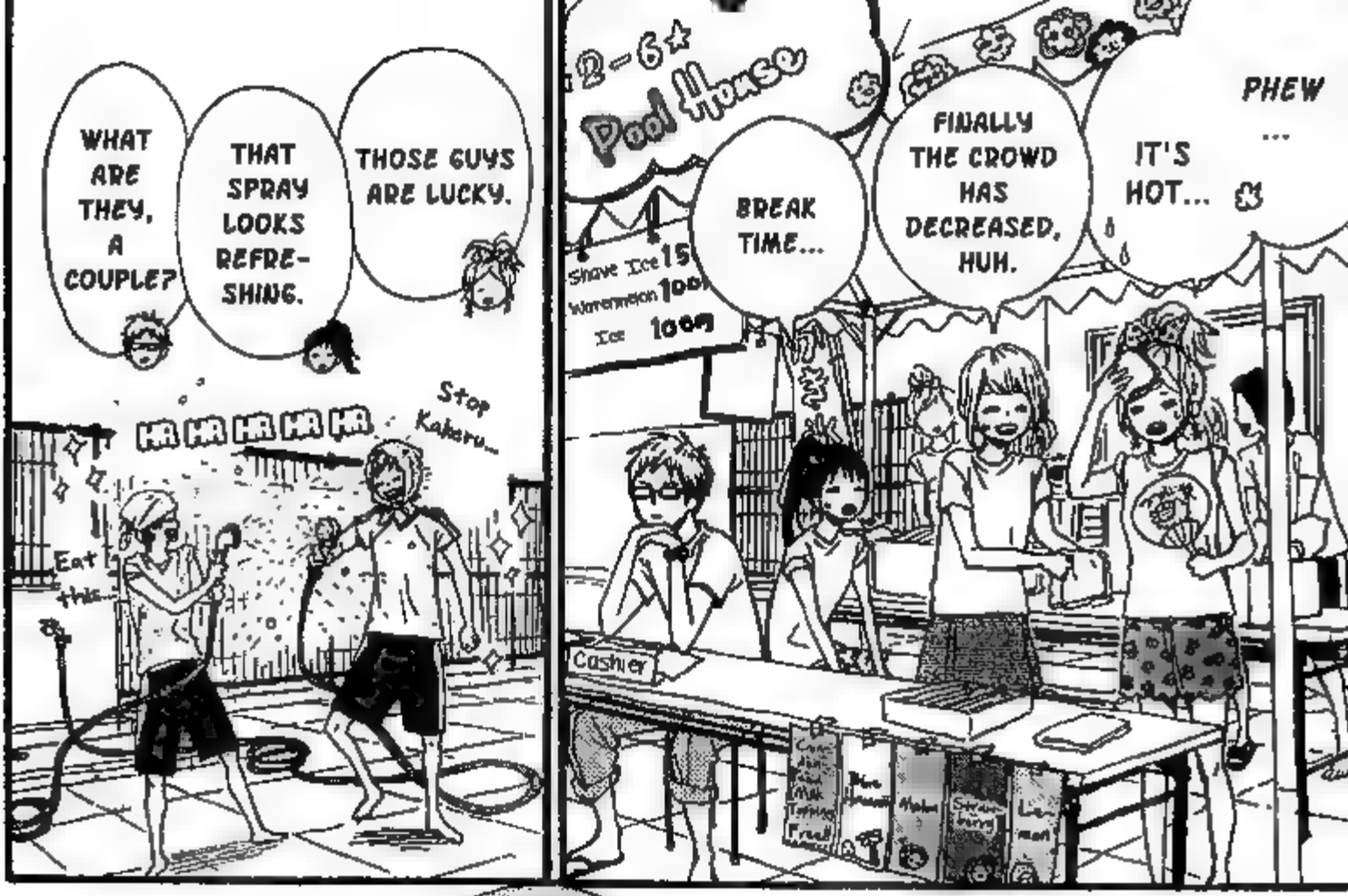
• But I was embarrassed so I didn't wear them (the length was too short...).

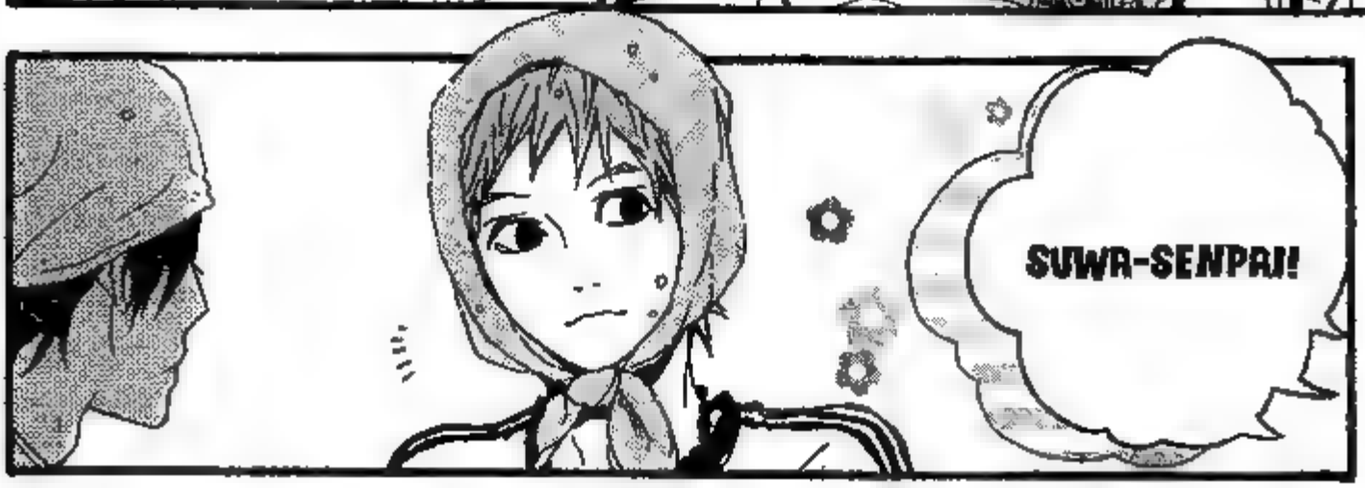
WHAP
ACTUALLY... NAHO IS ALSO WEARING THEM♡
SEE.
RUSTLE


I DIDN'T SEE.
DID YOU SEE!?

HERE'S YOUR STRAWBERRY CONDENSED MILK... ♫


WELL, TIME TO WORK.
Service, service, AZU!!
We can.


WHAT ARE THEY, A COUPLE?
THAT SPRAY LOOKS REFRESHING.
THOSE GUYS ARE LUCKY.
HAHAHAHAHA
Stop Kaketu
Eat this
2-6☆ Pool House
BREAK TIME...
FINALLY THE CROWD HAS DECREASED, HUH.
IT'S HOT...
PHEW ...
Shave Ice 150
Watermelon 100
Ice 100
Cashier


SUWA-SENPAI!

DON'T TELL ME, THE RUMORED SOCCER CLUB MANAGERS?
WHAT'S THAT.
Kyaaa
Cold...
Cute!

DO YOU WANT TO TRY?
WE'RE IN CHARGE OF THE MIST SHOWER.
The mist comes out from here.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING...!?
Oh, and my Natsuo-senpai.
YES!!!

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南塔子
ゆるかわ恋模様はクライマックス!!
360°マテリアル
君に届け
椎名軽穂
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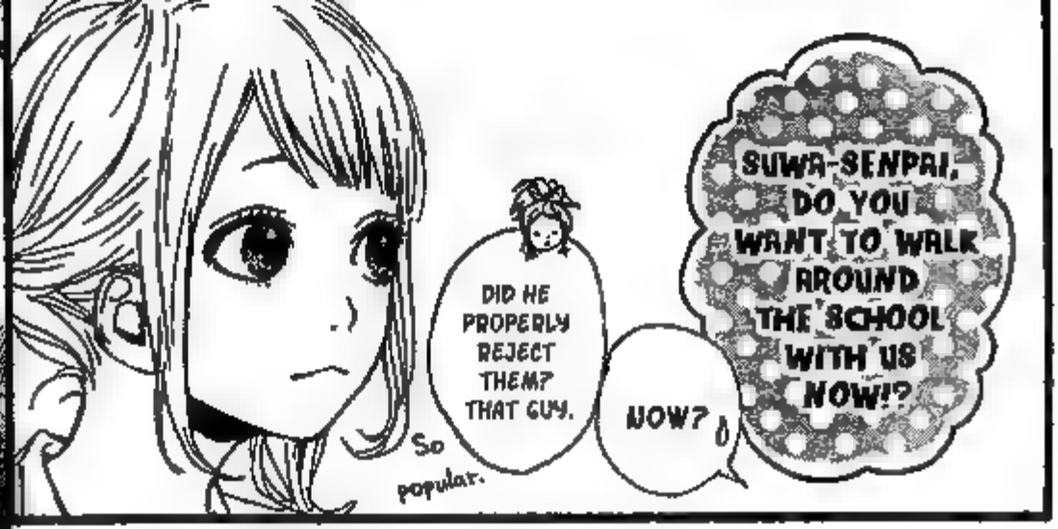
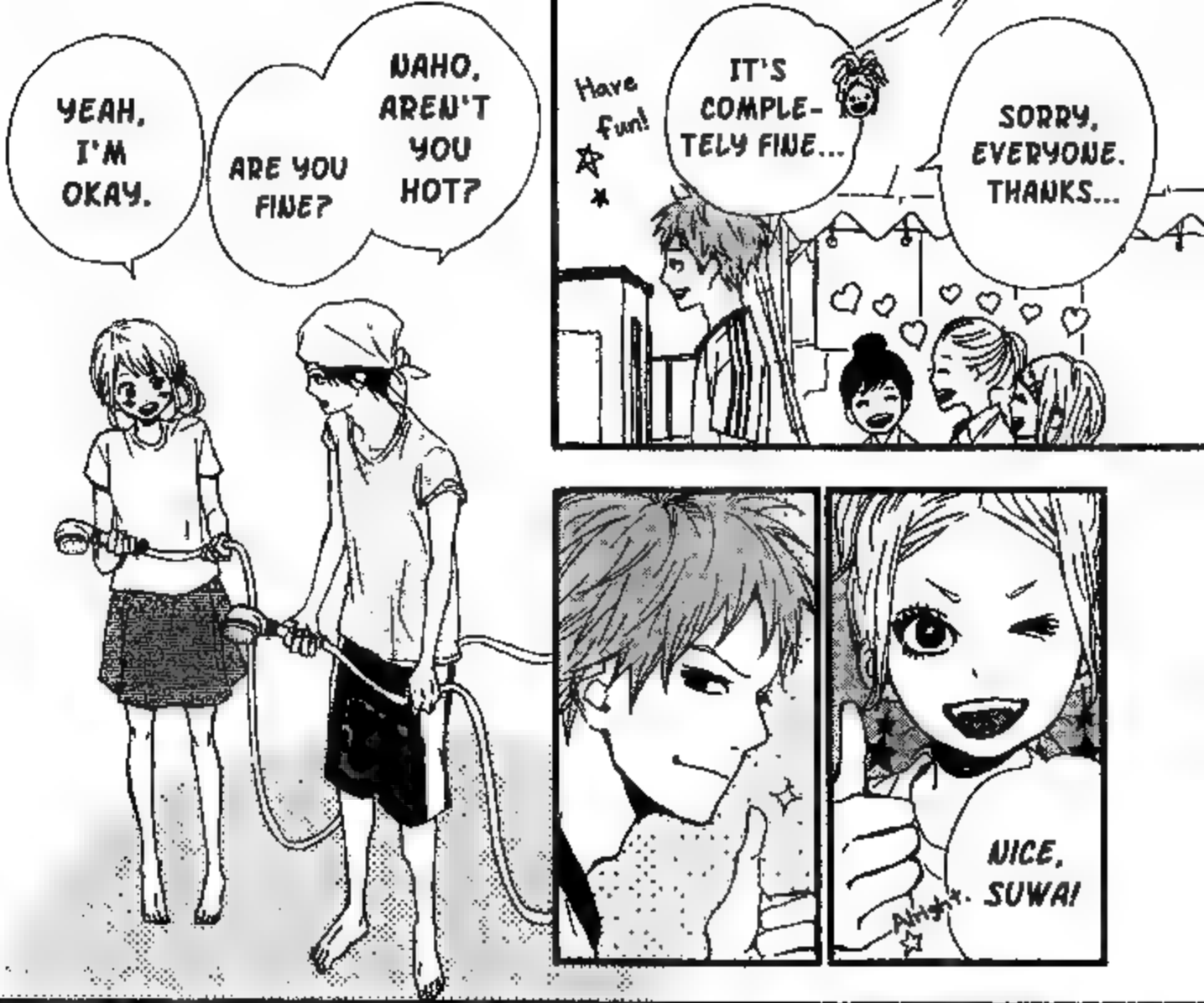




• When the afternoon crowd decreased, Suwa told me to take over his place and let me be together with Kakeru.

• I want Suwa to know that I've noticed all the times he's been worried about me.

HE'S GREAT AT SOCCER.
HE HAS BETTER JUDGMENT THAN THE CAPTAIN, SO EVERYONE RELIES ON HIM.
HUH...
EVEN I LIKE THAT.
HA HA HA
SUWA
IS INCREDIBLY GOOD WHEN HE'S DOING CLUB ACTIVITIES.
I THINK I WANT TO CHEER HIM ON...
ABOUT THE PERSON HE LIKES.
THAT'S TRUE.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF IT GOES WELL FOR HIM.

I know about it.
That Suwa is always looking out for me.
YEAH.

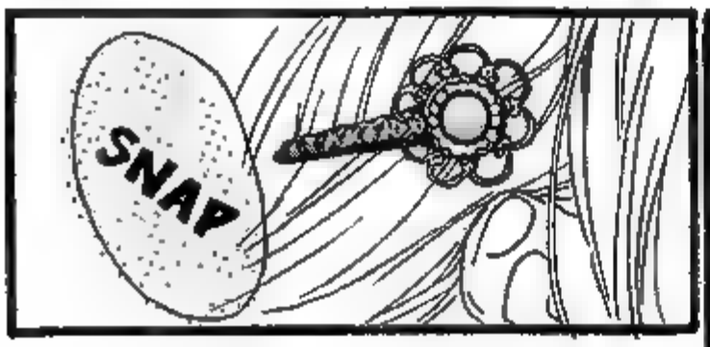
It's just
become so
Non-chalant.
Always kind to everyone.

COME TO THINK OF IT, NAHO.
ARE YOU USING THAT HAIRPIN?
HUH!
common-place.

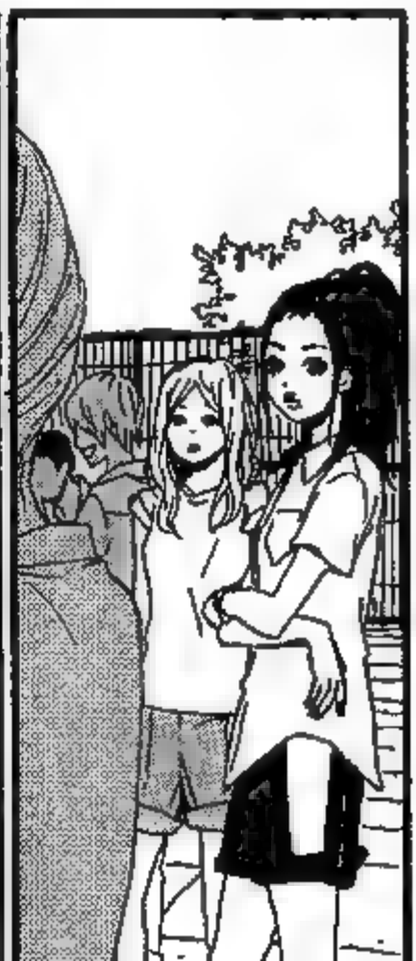
I ABSOLUTELY WOULDN'T BE HAPPY.
BECAUSE IF I BREAK SOMETHING THAT YOU GOT FOR ME,
SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS WASTEFUL SO I HAVEN'T USED IT.

I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO GET SOMETHING THAT YOU WANTED.
IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN'T USE,
WELL,
From that reaction, you're not using it.
WHAT? NO!

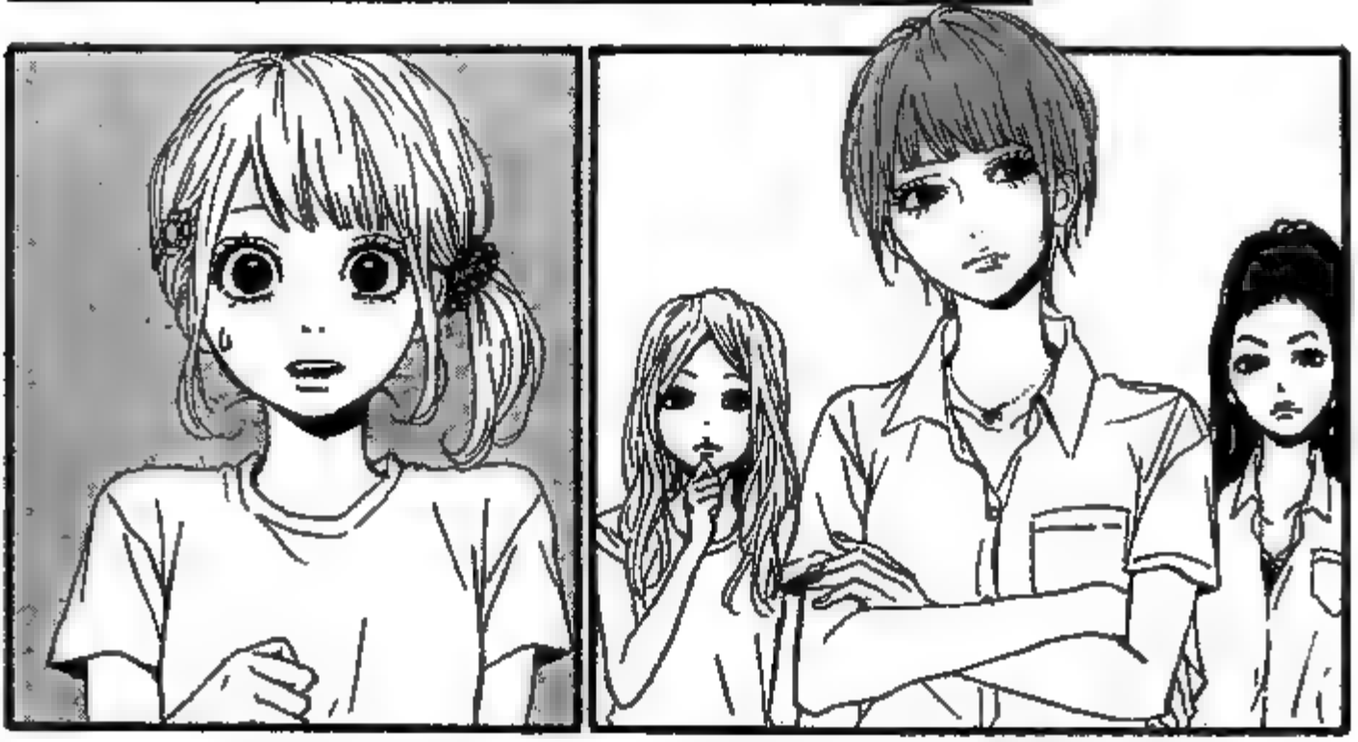
TO TELL HIM?...
WHEN WOULD IT BE GOOD
I SEE.
For me,
just the thought that "Kakeru got this for me"
it's a very, very important treasure.


SNAP

KAKERU... I WONDER WHAT HE WILL SAY...
Actually, today
I brought it with me.
Maybe I shouldn't do this after all...



HEY.
I don't want to be someone who regrets not doing anything!
But to wear this, there's no better time than than now!!
I HAVE TO ACT!!



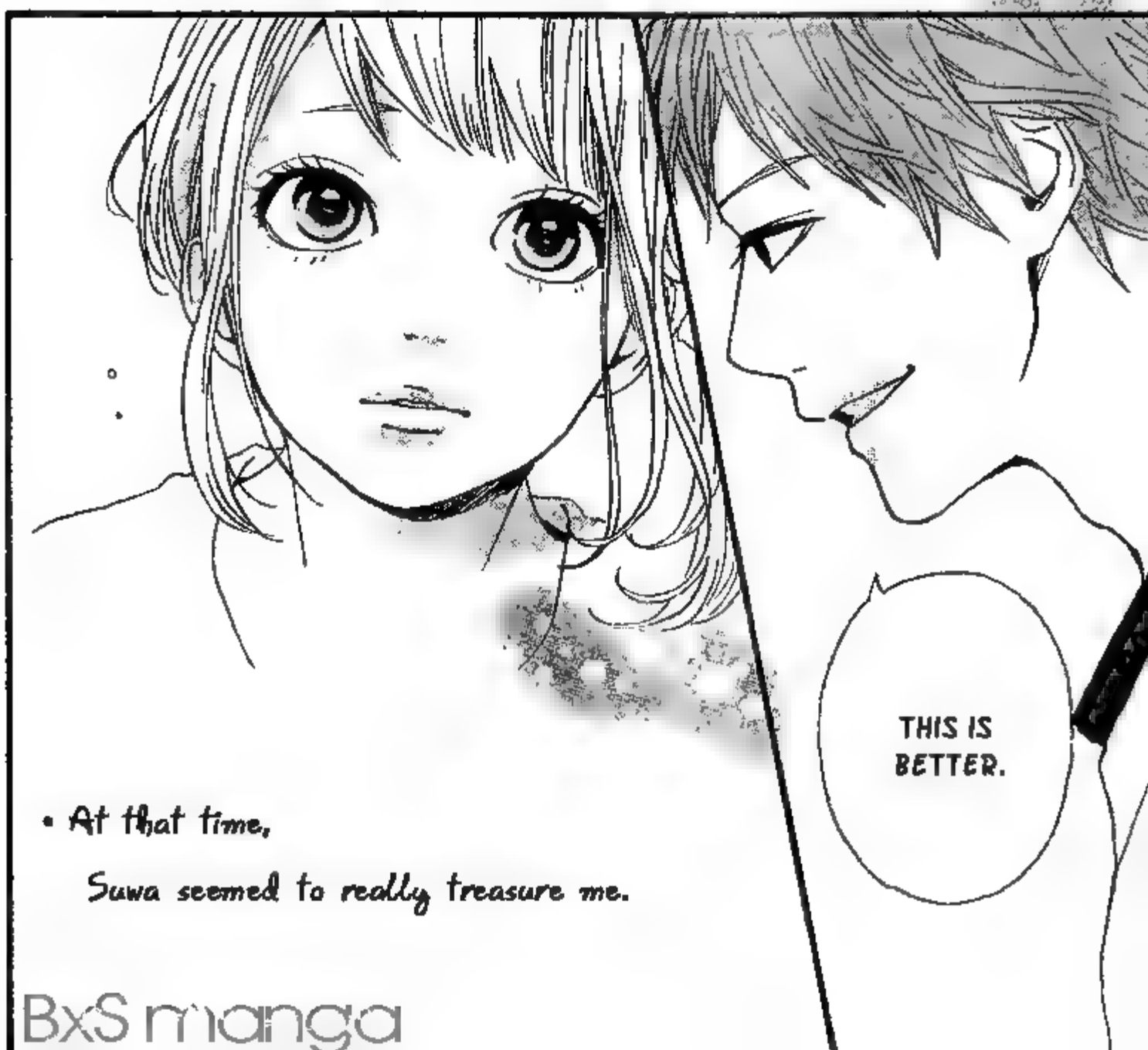
ARE YOU TWO GOING OUT?
NO, WE'RE JUST FRIENDS...
WEREN'T YOU WITH KAKERU AT THE LIBRARY EARLIER?
WHAT DID YOU DO?
WE... STUDIED...
HMPH.

THEN, WHY DON'T YOU STAY AWAY FROM KAKERU?
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU TOGETHER.
.....
WHAT'S THAT HAIRPIN?
LET ME SEE IT.
WHY?
WHERE DID YOU BUY THAT?
THIS IS...
an important item I received from Kakeru
NO... WAY...

STOP IT!!
SLAP
SORRY, GO AHEAD FIRST.
HUH!?
SUWA-SENPAI!?
WE JUST WANT TO SEE IT.
GIVE IT HERE.
OW...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

LET'S GO, NAHO.
Hugs
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
SORRY...

YEAH, IT'S FINE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? IS IT OKAY? THE GIRL MANAGERS...
NEVERMIND THAT,
IS YOUR HAND OKAY?
YOU GOT SCRATCHED EARLIER, RIGHT?
YEAH...
IF WE GO TO THE CLASSROOM, I HAVE BAND-AIDS.



• At that time,

Suwa seemed to really treasure me.

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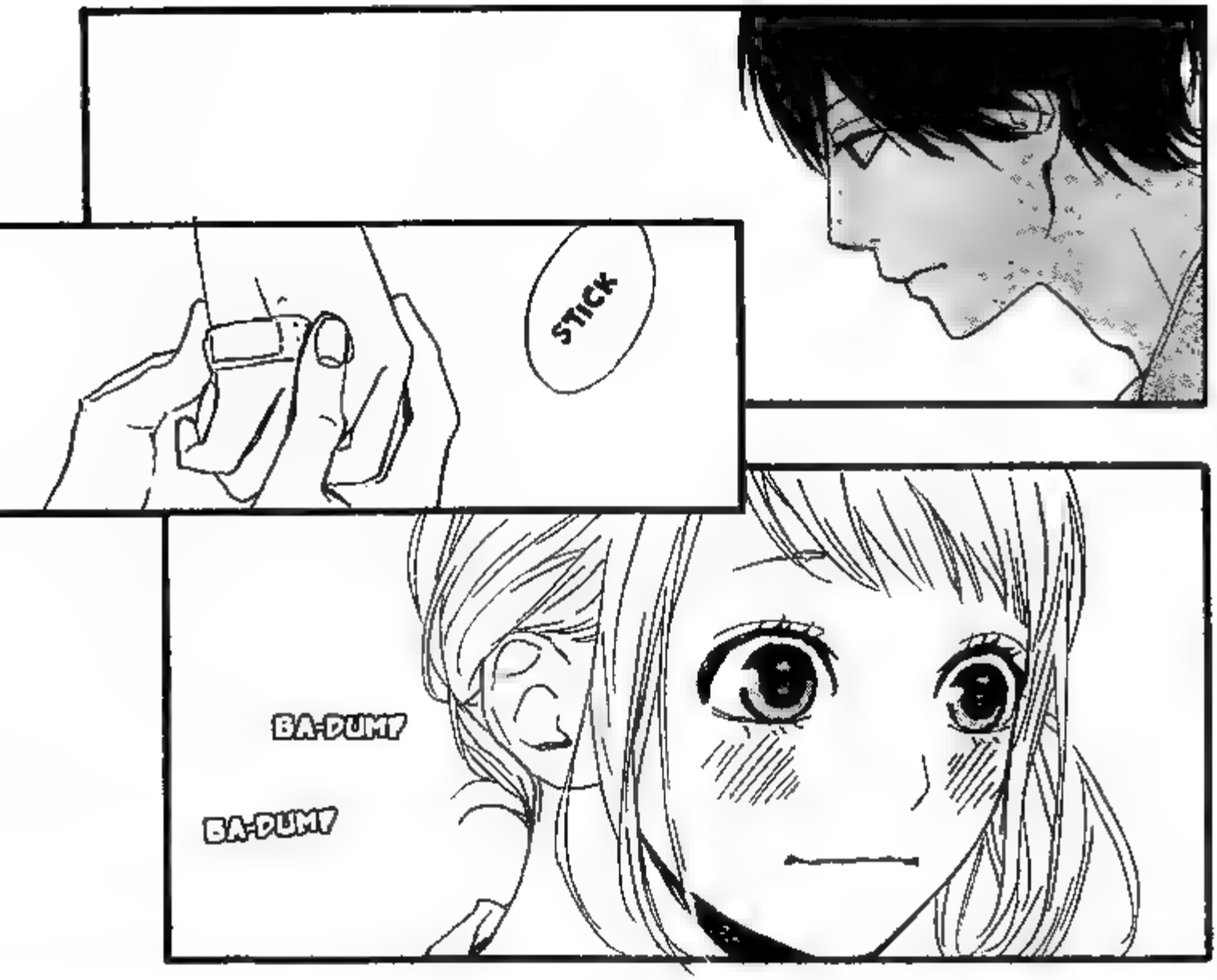
Bashful and gentle,

if you notice Suwa's kindness,
then tell him "thank you" at that time.

Then Suwa will surely be happy.

NAHO
HURT HER HAND.
THAT'S WHY, PLEASE
GIVE THIS TO NAHO.
BAND-AIDS?
HAND.
OH, IT'S NOTHING...
WHAT HAPPENED?
HUH?
!

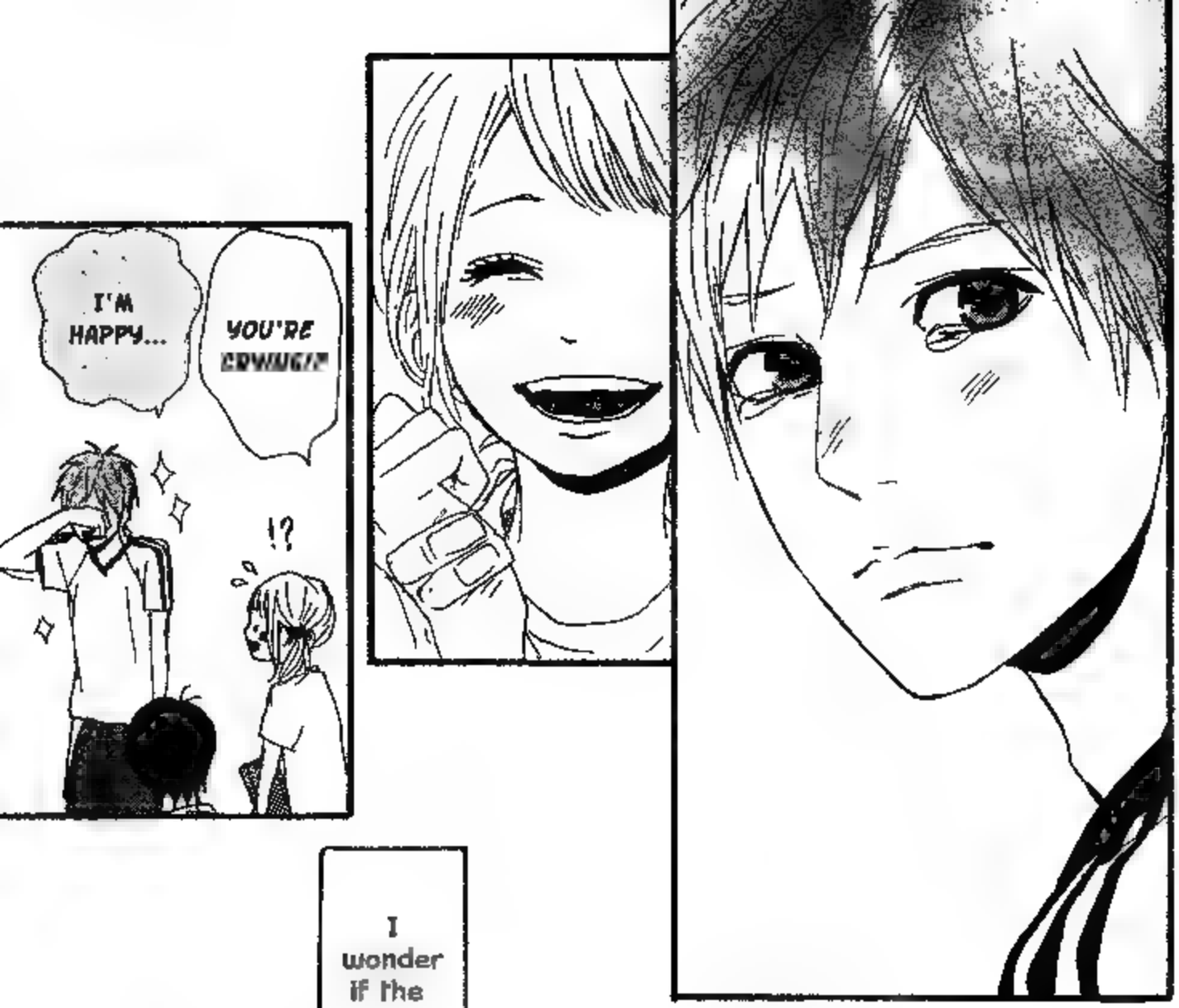


I wonder how do you know, Kakeru...

"NAHO, IS YOUR HAND OKAY?"

"YOU GOT SCRATCHED EARLIER, RIGHT?"

...YEAH,
I KNOW.
SUWA BROUGHT THEM.
BA-DUMP
Don't tell her!
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.
THANKS, SUWA.



I wonder if the future me

knew that the past can't be changed and

sent the letter.

I might not be able to resolve

the sadness and regrets of my future self.

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However,

surely my future self is properly moving forward.

• Suwa is an important person who rescued my heart.

In those words, hope prevails.

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LETTER 7

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the end of the cultural festival fireworks
our promise to watch the fireworks chapter 7!!
you can't overlook chapter 7!!

PES FOR THE FUTURE AND THE REGRETS OF THE PAST—CAN YOU [illegible] THOSE EYES?

ICHIGO TAKANO PRESENTS

高野苺

「 July 15th 」

- The last day of the "Azalea Festival."

- Suwa changed places with me so that Kakeru and I worked together.

- Every time Kakeru and I end up together, I get nervous and can't talk to him.

WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

SO,

BETWEEN SUWA, HAGITA, AND ME

IF YOU COULD CONFESS TO ANYONE, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Wh-Why so suddenly....

U...

UM...

WHO'D IT BE?

EH?!

JUST TELL ME. DON'T WORRY THAT I'M IN THE EXAMPLE.

EH... THAT'S NOT IT...

I MEAN, I KNOW WHO IT WOULD BE, BUT

I... CAN'T CHOOSE.

I can't ever tell him!

OUT OF THE THREE OF US, WHO WOULD YOU CONFESS TO?

UH...

THEN HOW 'BOUT YOU, KAKERU?!

WHA!

Here's some juice

RIGHT~

THAT'S

Yup yup We know

...I CAN'T SAY.

Hehehe

SORRY 'BOUT THAT.

GOT THAT RIGHT.

Did she hear him...

Was it Azu-ta Taka?

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER.

EVEN THOUGH I DON'T LIKE HER?

"I'D CONFESS TO NAHO."

.....

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

.....

I DON'T...WANT ANY REGRETS.

GUESS IT WOULD BE OKAY IF I STARTED TO...

...WHY?

ON A MULTIPLE CHOICE,

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CHOOSE

AND NOT BE WRONG.

LIKE GOING OUT WITH UEDA.

I'VE DONE A LOT OF MULTIPLE CHOICE, BEEN WRONG AND REGRETTED IT.

"A LOT"?

.....

AND MADE PROBLEMS FOR NAHO.

I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO CAUSE REGRETS AGAIN.

I'M SCARED OF HURTING SOMEBODY.

WITHOUT TRYING FIRST?

THEN YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING AND THEN NOTHING WILL CHANGE, KAKERU.

IF NOTHING CHANGES, THAT'S FINE.

SO, I WON'T CHOOSE.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

KAKERU?

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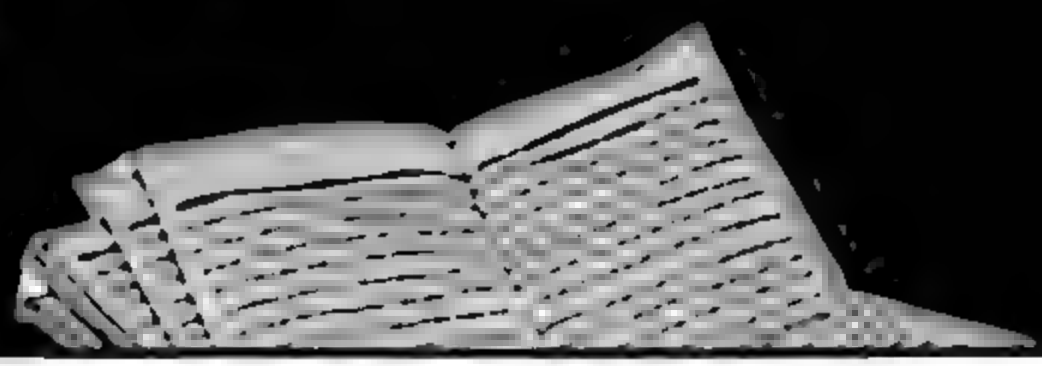
In the "Change the future" letter,

all of the points are right

but I couldn't fulfill two of them.



◎ "On this day, I don't want you to invite him. At all."

◎ "Be honest about your feelings."

influence

id that have in the future?

be one more regret left.

there will

If I don't do this right

I don't want Kakeru to think about bad things.

◎ At the end of the last day, you'll watch the fireworks with Kakeru by the pool.

And that's it.

• Today is a mysterious and brave day.
If it's as always, then you'll be fine.

THE POOL!

AHAHA

You're telepathic now, Naho.

Really?! o.o

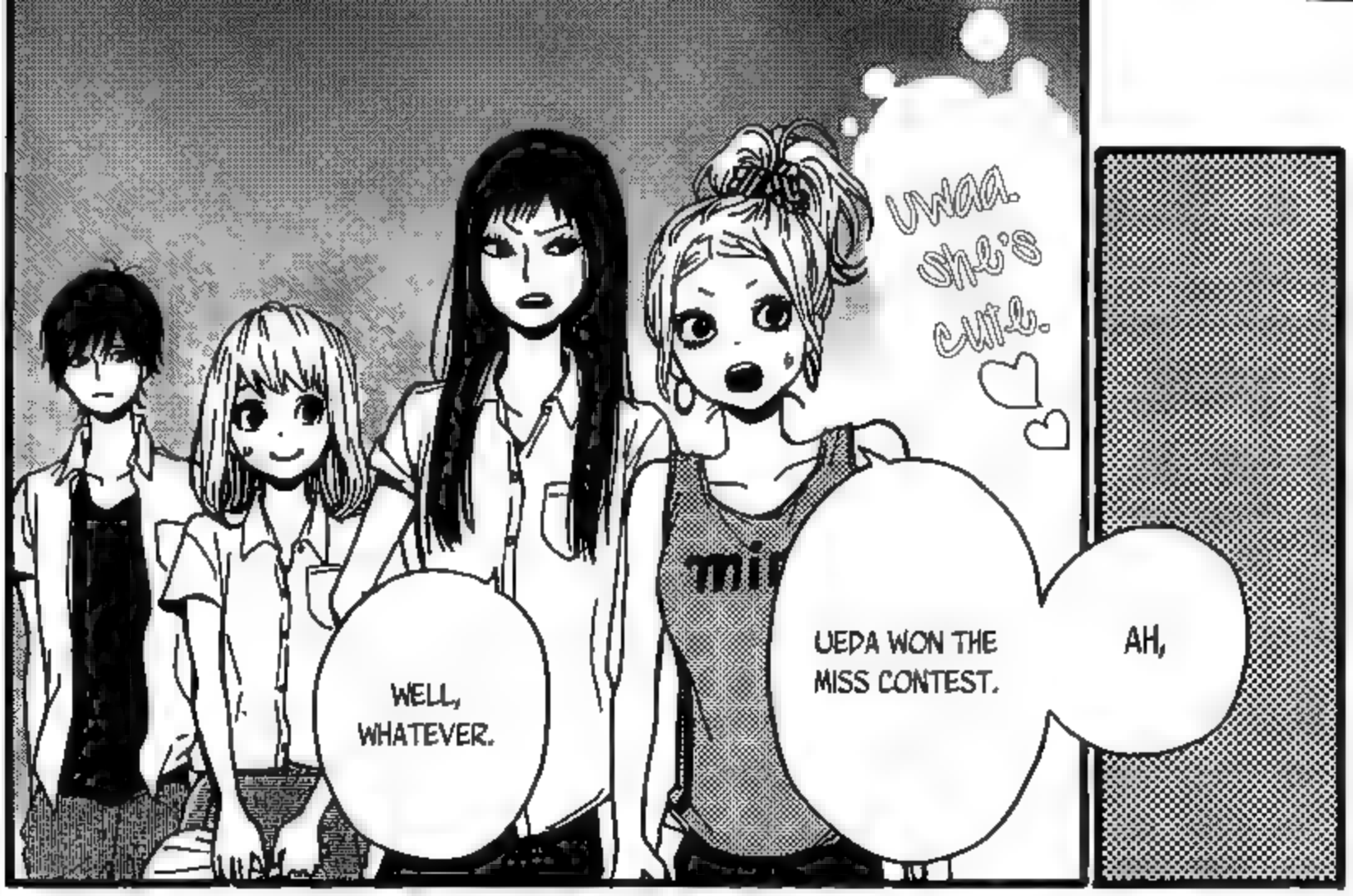
I WAS THINKING THE POOL TOO.

WELL, OF COURSE IT DOES.

IT REALLY PISSES ME OFF.

THAT'S ANNOYING.

SUPPORT TAKAHO ICHIGO BY
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!


Uwaa. She's cute.
WELL, WHATEVER.
UEDA WON THE MISS CONTEST.
AH,

Runner-up
Miss Contest
GO FOR IT, TAKA!
Your hand's a weapon!
I REALLY WANNA HIT HER.
THEY DON'T KNOW HER TRUE PERSONALITY.

WHAT.
But you got one vote!
Congrats!
Ahaha
THERE'S HAGITA!
Runner-up
Mister Contestant
Mister Too Bad!
It was close
DAMN IT.
In last place is Junior Class 6, Hagita.
And too bad!

WITHOUT THEM, YOU LOOK LIKE AN ANGEL!

GIVE BACK MY GLASSES!

BUT LOOK, NOW YOU'RE AN IKEMEN!

♡ KYAA

THEN YOU REALLY SEE ME!

YEP.

YOU KNOW, THEY SHOULD REALLY GET TOGETHER.

It was me!

RIGHT HERE!

It has to be one of you!

WHO WAS IT?! WHO WAS THE ONE VOTE?!

BITCH!

YOU JERK!! I DIDN'T WANT A SINGLE VOTE

Y-YEAH. LET'S.

SHOULD WE HEAD TO THE POOL?

The fireworks are soon...

Will I be nervous? Have fun? I can't calm down

?

SURE.

WOULD YOU HEAD UP FIRST, NAHO?

PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU

Head up first?

HE'S... ACTUALLY COMING, RIGHT?

SUWA,

YOU REALLY OKAY WITH ME GOING?

I'M...

NOT MAKING A MISTAKE THIS WAY...

.....

THERE IS NO "DON'T GO" CHOICE.

THEN, I'LL STOP LIKING NAHO.

TO BEGIN WITH, THIS "LIKE HER" "DON'T LIKE HER" THING.

IF YOU DON'T CHOOSE, THEN IT WON'T HAPPEN.

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

But you'd have to confess first

IF YOU STARTED LIKING HER, SHE'D BE HAPPY THOUGH.

"GO"...

THEN GO.

IT'D REALLY MAKE HER HAPPY?! REALLY?!

NO, TELL ME!

WHO KNOWS.

hehe

It wouldn't cause her problems?!

THEN GO AND DON'T GET LOST.

YOU'RE NOT MAKING A MISTAKE.

...I WANT TO.

THE WAY TO MAKE NAHO HAPPY.

RIGHT.

.....

SO THAT

THANKS.

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

SOME-HOW,

THE ME TEN YEARS FROM NOW

CAN SEE

KAKERU'S SMILE.

AH! YOU JUNIOR!

.....

UEDA...

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.

GREAT TIMING.

I WANT YOU TO TAKE THESE BOXES.

OUR TEACHER ASKED US TO,

BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME.

TAKE THESE UP TO SENIOR CLASS 2.

I...DON'T HAVE TIME EITHER, SO I CAN'T.

WHAT?

IF YOU DON'T DO IT QUICKLY, THE TEACHER WILL GET MAD.

...BUT...

IF YOU CAN'T,

SHOW ME THAT HAIR PIN.

IF YOU DON'T, THEN TAKE THEM.

SUPPORT TAKANOICHIGO BY
PURCHASING THIS MANGA
WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

I UNDERSTAND...

.....

THIS IS AWFUL...

BUT THREE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS...

The letter said if it was as always, I'll be fine

I'LL BE FINE.

IF I MOVE QUICKLY, I'LL BE ON TIME.

3-5 UDON

2-2 MIMIC TEA ROOM

2-2 MIMIC TEA ROOM

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WONDERLAND

LAUGH 2-1

YOU'LL BE JUST IN TIME FOR THE FIREWORKS.

THAT WENT PERFECTLY.

KYAHAHA

HAA

THEN HEAD TO THE POOL, RIO.

HAVE FUN.

THANKS.

THE POOL IS OFF LIMITS.

EH. ME?

OH, THANKS.

SINCE IT'S KAKERU...HE WOULD BE AT THE SOCCER CLUB ROOM...

HE WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.

WHA?!

I WASN'T... I...

KAKERU'S NOT THERE ANYWAY.

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SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

BYUUU

TAP

LOOK AT YOU, HAGITA.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO MY BRAIN.

BUT ALL YOU DID WAS LIE.

And why'd you take your glasses off?

BO OM

THEY STARTED.

SUPPORT TAKANOICHIGO BY

...BUT WHY...

DID THIS HAPPEN TO THE FUTURE ME...?

IT HAS TO BE DIF-FERENT.

boom

I CHANGED THE FUTURE.

What'll I do?

TODAY IS SO IMPOR-TANT AND

A DAY THAT I COULDN'T MESS UP.

But I didn't make it.

I'LL HAVE MORE REGRETS.

IF I GIVE UP HERE,

BUT

TAP

NAHO?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

SUPPORT TAKANO ICHIGO BY PURCHASING THIS MANGA WHEN AVAILABLE NEAR YOU!

EH...BUT HOW...

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROMISE WITH KAKERU?!

DID YOU LET SOMEONE GIVE YOU CHORES AGAIN?!

...YEAH

I COULDN'T SAY NO...I'M JUST NO GOOD.

GIVE IT HERE.

WHERE WERE YOU GOING?

REALLY...?

YEAH! WE'LL DO IT!

WE WERE LOOKING FOR A GOOD VIEWING SPOT FOR THE FIREWORKS.

Thank you~

Taka~

Azu~

AHAHA! DON'T CRY.

BEFORE YOU CRY, HURRY UP AND GO!

Apple juice
Orange juice

YOU'RE RIGHT...

JUICE FOR THE WHOLE CLASS.

IS THE PRIZE FOR THE MISS CONTEST.

AND THIS

Apple juice
Orange juice

THANK YOU, TAKA! AZU!

AHAHA, IT'S FINE!

FACE THE WAY YOU'RE GOING!

HIII

TAKA.

I'M GONNA BEAT HER.

ON...AN ERRAND.

WHERE WERE YOU, NAHO?!

WHAT?!

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

THE FIRE-WORKS ARE GONNA END.

SHE WASN'T WITH KAKERU...

KAKERU!

HAA HAA

I'M SORRY...

SORRY I...

WAS LATE...

THAT HAIR CLIP.

THANK YOU.

OH...THIS...

I THOUGHT I HAD TO WEAR IT...

I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SO MUCH,

I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT.

I WONDERED

HOW HE'D REACT.

NAHO,

I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T COMING.

NO WAY...I'D TOTALLY COME.

The sound of the wind through the trees

The bugs buzzing.

SAME AS ME.

Due to the echo
of the fireworks,

and because of the
fact that I couldn't see
Kakeru's face well,

and the darkness,

I was able to talk
to him naturally.

Today is a mysterious and brave day.

If it's as always, it'll be fine.

...OUT OF THE THREE OF YOU,

I WOULD WANT TO CONFESS TO YOU.

UM,

I WAS ABLE TO CHOOSE FOR WHAT YOU ASKED ABOUT TODAY.

WHAT I ASKED ABOUT...?

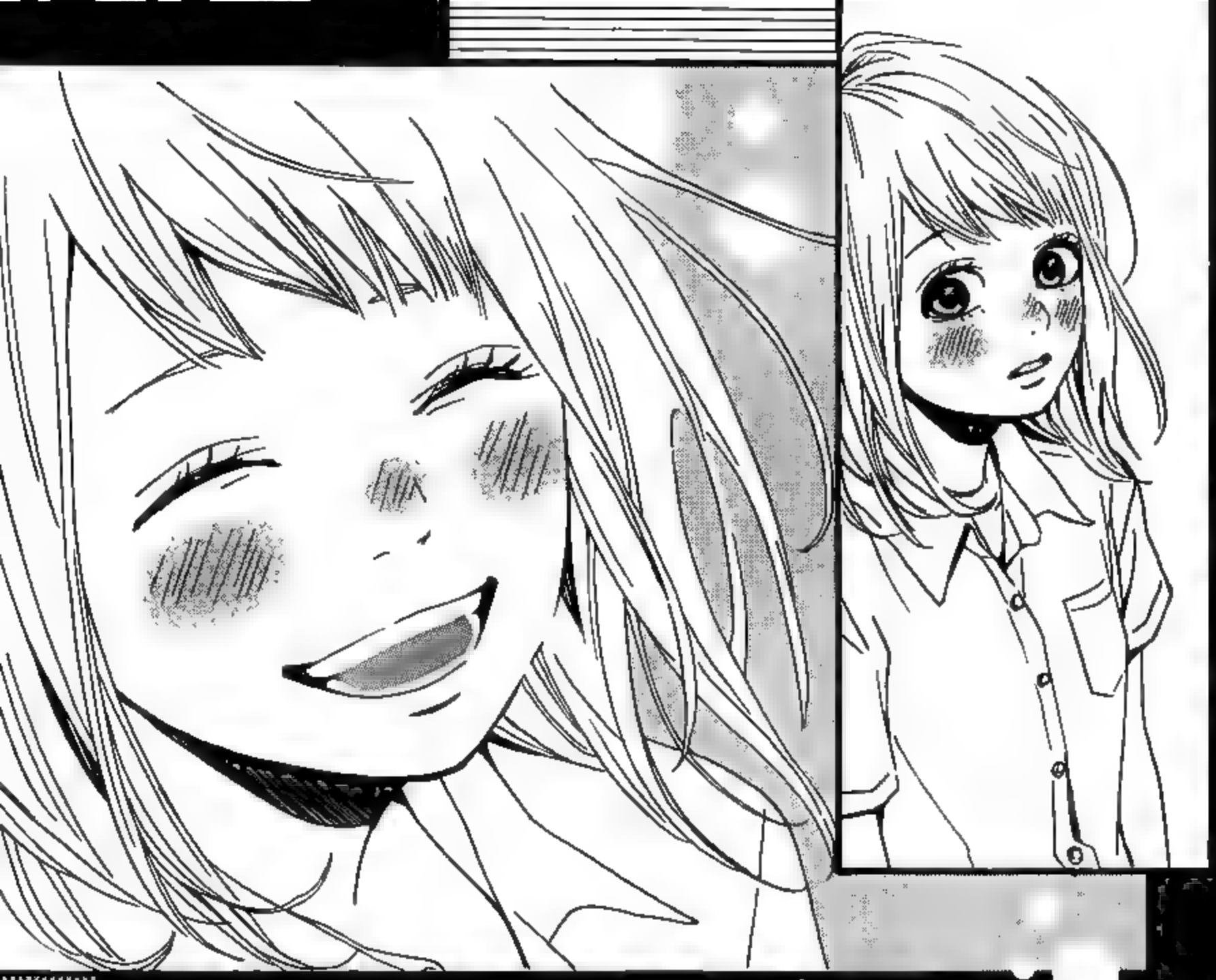
I'M GLAD THAT WE MET.

I'M REALLY HAPPY YOU CAME TO MATSUMOTO.

...I...

OUT OF THE THREE OF YOU,

I WANT TO CONFESS TO YOU.



I'M SO HAPPY.

I'M REALLY HAPPY.

ME TOO.

I'M HAPPY.

AH,

THE FIRE-WORKS ARE OVER.

THEY ARE.

SHOW ME.

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YOUR HAND...

IS IT OKAY FROM THE OTHER DAY?

I HEARD FROM SUWA.

IT'S MY FAULT, I'M SORRY.

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!

And it's already treated!

I WAS NERVOUS...

YOU LOOKED TOTALLY NORMAL!

EH?! YOU WERE?!

I WASN'T WEIRD?

I WAS...REALLY NERVOUS WHEN I BANDAGED IT.

That has to be...

If you compare it to my nervousness...

HYUUU

IT'S WEIRD.

I NEVER THOUGHT ANY-THING OF IT.

I HELD HANDS WITH UEDA, BUT

THE FIREWORKS!

THEY WEREN'T OVER YET.

BOOM

boom

boom

boom

NAHO.

YEAH.

HOW PRETTY.

I'M GLAD WE WATCHED THEM TOGETHER.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

I WILL NEVER FORGET TODAY.

TODAY WAS A COMPLETE HAPPINESS DAY.

Those words that
Kakeru said

I will never
forget.

WELCOME BACK, YOU TWO!

AHH!

DID SHE HOLD HANDS WITH KAKERU?

THE ME TEN YEARS FROM NOW,

WHY DO YOU GUYS HAVE THEM?

THE PRIZE FROM THE MISS CONTEST.

THEN, HERE'S SOME JUICE, EVERYONE.

WHAT MISS?

Kyaa

I'm glad!

YES. THANK YOU!

HOW WAS IT? HAD FUN?!

*TL/N: Cheers!

Kampai!

We've worked hard!

HE'S NOT HERE!!

THAT SHITTY FOUR-EYES!

• Those words "Today was a complete happiness day."

I want you to give him
More and more happiness
For him to think about.

• That will surely "Save him".

11月超特大号につづく

About HARUIRO ASTRONAUT ☆ ②

This is the second chapter! New characters show up, but I was able to create one I really like. It's this guy here, Tatsuaki. Once this character appeared, I couldn't stop drawing him. It quickly became a very silly series. Because of how goofy it is, it's a nice change of pace from *Orange*. Try reading it while taking a break.

At any rate, I plan to draw more.

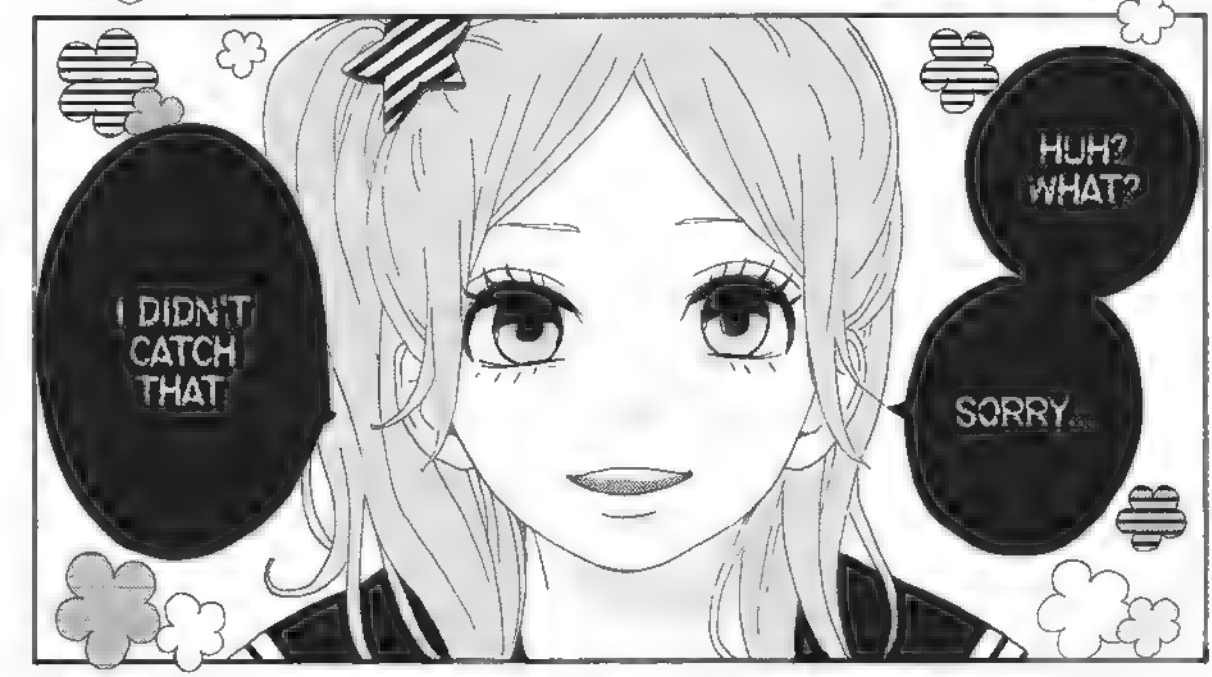
Please enjoy it!

Younger Twin Mami
MY CUTE YOUNGER TWIN SISTER MAMI...
AND THE MOST POPULAR GUY IN SCHOOL STARTED DATING YESTERDAY.

Haruiro Astronaut

Chapter 2

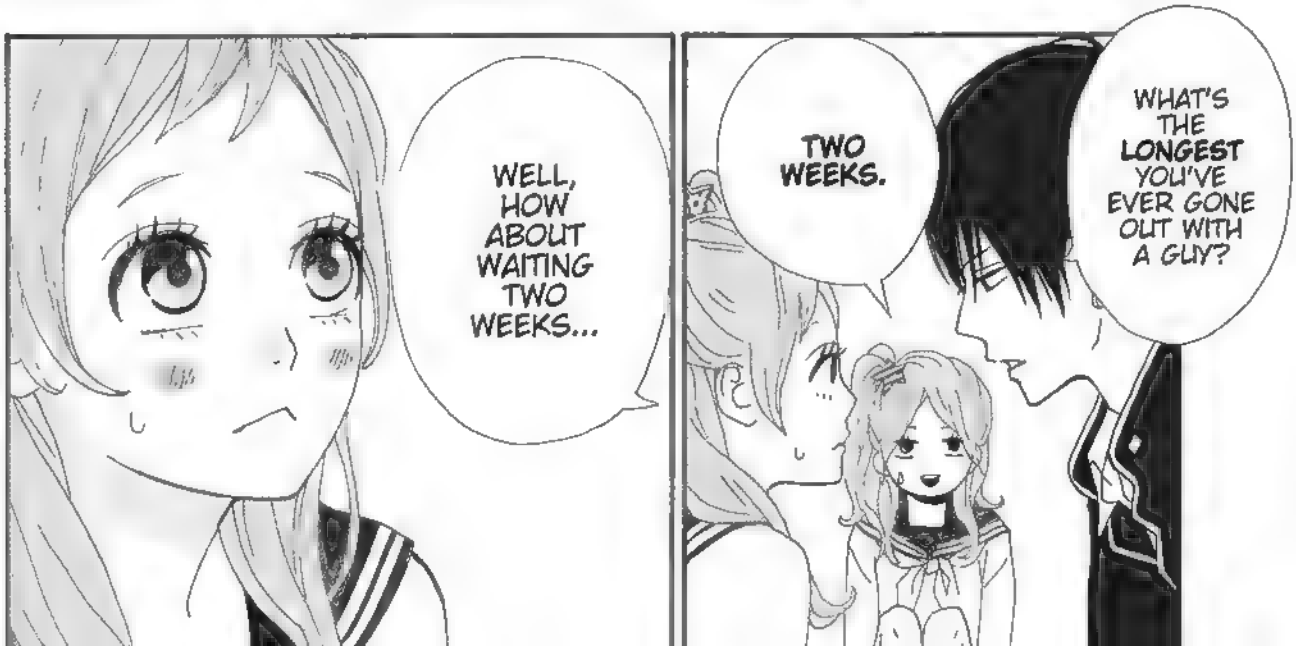
I THINK I'M GONNA BREAK UP WITH YUI-KUN.
UM...


I DIDN'T CATCH THAT
HUH? WHAT?
SORRY...

BUT...
USUALLY, YOU GO OUT WITH A GUY FOR AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE YOU DUMP HIM.
YOU JUST STARTED GOING OUT! He asked you out yesterday!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
CHIKI-CHAN, TELL YUI-KUN I'M BREAKING UP WITH HIM.

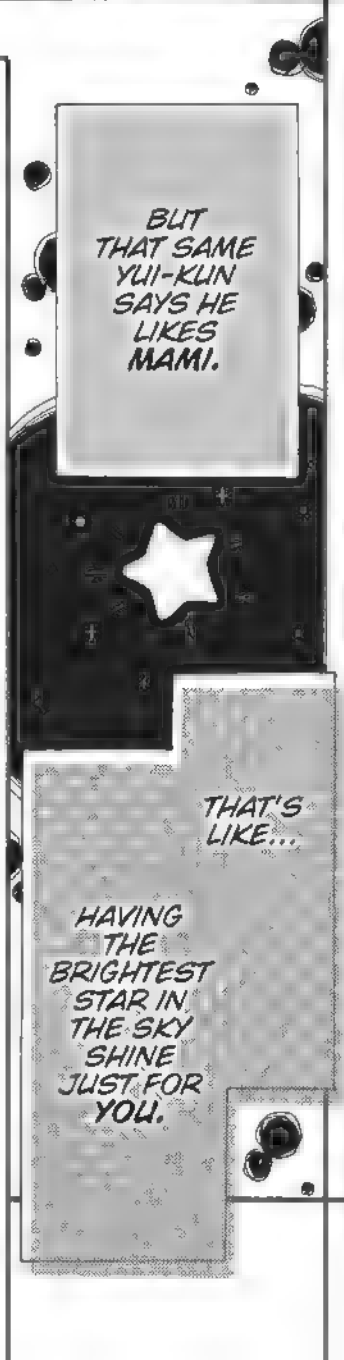
YUI-KUN SEEMS LIKE HE'S FROM ANOTHER PLANET! IT'S KINDA SCARY...

HUH? WHAT?
COULD YOU REPEAT THAT?
My alien ears didn't catch what you said.
YUI-KUN!!
Right, Mami?!
NO! SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU WANT TO BREAK UP WITH ME, BUT...


WHAT'S THE LONGEST YOU'VE EVER GONE OUT WITH A GUY?
TWO WEEKS.
WELL, HOW ABOUT WAITING TWO WEEKS...

WHAT'S GOING ON?
OKAY!
Got it!
Okay?
What is he saying?
AND THEN, IF YOU STILL WANT TO, WE CAN BREAK UP THEN.

AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW IT SEEMS TO ME.
I'VE NEVER GONE OUT WITH A GUY OR HAD ANYONE CONFESS THEIR FEELINGS...
HEY!


BUT THAT SAME YUI-KUN SAYS HE LIKES MAMI.
THAT'S LIKE...
HAVING THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE SKY SHINE JUST FOR YOU.

IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT FROM THIS WORLD.
I CAN SEE WHERE MAMI'S COMING FROM. YUI-KUN'S JUST SO PERFECT...
His grades are the top of our grade.
Height 183cm.
Hot guy.
Has only just joined the basketball team and is already a star player.
Smells like flowers.
Attracts plenty of girls, but has never dated.
Half his height is his legs.
Would attract stray cats (probably).

?
WHAT IS IT?
YOU...
COME HERE A SEC!!

WHAT ?!!
EEK!
scary!
WHA...?

EEEYAAAH!
GRAB
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

IS MY CHILD-HOOD FRIEND...
THIS...
A...
A PRINCE?
THUMP...
YES...
Went weak in the knees.
NANAMI NATSUKI.
IF YOU PUT A HAND ON CHIKI, WE'LL KICK YOUR ASS.
Whoever you are.
Harsh!
YEAH, YOU DO.
DO I LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO'D CREEP ON GIRLS?!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
SO, IS THIS GUY SOME KIND OF PERVERT OR WHAT?
Who is he?
YUI-KUN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
Figures his friend is good-looking as well!
Waaah! He's a prince!
NATSUKI'S ALSO ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM.

I...
I WANTED TO TELL YOU I LIKE YOU!
SQUEEZE
STOP IT!
I'M GONNA FALL FOR YOU IF YOU KEEP ACTING LIKE THAT!
(Though, it's a little late for that...)
AH...
SO THERE, NOW YOU KNOW!
WHAT ...?
MA...
BLUSH
HE LIKES ME...?
UHM...
MAMI-CHAN!!!

OF COURSE IT'S MAMI AGAIN!
SHE'S NOT INTERESTED.
ALL THE BOYS LIKE MAMI.
MAMI
CHIKI
BLUSH!
MAMI, HERE'S ANOTHER IDIOT WHO LIKES YOU.
This is Mami.
HE CAN'T EVEN TELL US APART!
PUSH
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET TOMATO SAUCE ON YOUR UNIFORM AGAIN!
MAMI, BE CARE-FUL!
See?!
HEY, NATSUKI, ARE YOU EATING?
YOU ALWAYS LET EVERYONE ELSE TAKE THEIR FOOD FIRST. EAT!
C'mon!
I'LL JUST...
FIND SOMEONE GOOD ON MY OWN.
ITALIAN RESTAURANT
PIZZA
MOGUMOGU
IT'S FINE.
I'M USED TO IT BY NOW.

You both do a lot of nagging.
HM, I DUNNO. I CAN SEE WHAT SHE MEANS.
RIGHT, NATSUKI?
WE'RE NOT ANYTHING ALIKE.
RIGHT, MAMI?
BUT I'M THE NICER ONE...
HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT?
YUI-KUN AND CHIKI-CHAN, YOU GUYS ARE SO MUCH ALIKE!
YOU BOTH LOVE TO NAG.

It's a good thing you're cute.
UM, HEL-LO?
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE A PARFAIT.
HMM ...
I'M DEFINITELY THE NICE ONE! RIGHT?!

EH? DON'T YOU HATE SWEETS?
MAYBE I SHOULD EAT SOME, TOO.
I LOVE THEM. I HAVE A HUGE SWEET TOOTH.
ALL RIGHT!
You're the best, Natsuki-kun!!
I'LL HELP, I LIKE SWEET STUFF.
NO WAY, I HATE SWEET STUFF.
OH, Let's share this extra large parfait!
CHIKI-CHAN, YOU'LL eat some, RIGHT?!
BUT IT'S TOO BIG FOR TWO PEOPLE.
EXTRA LARGE PARFAIT
FOR 4~5 PEOPLE!

DON'T POP OUT LIKE THAT.
It's annoying.
AND YOU'RE OBVI-OUSLY LYING.
I'M NOT LYING!!
DO I LOOK LIKE SOME KIND OF SHIFTY LIAR?!
YEAH, YOU DO.
Harsh!
ME TOO! I LOVE SWEET STUFF!

HEY, IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN COME SIT NEXT TO ME...
I FEEL KINDA SORRY FOR HIM.
Just a little.
You guys are mean!
I don't want to hang out with you anyway!

DO YOU REALLY LIKE MAMI?
OF COURSE I LIKE HER, STUPID!!
SHUT UP! IT'S JUST MY FACE THAT'S SCARY!!
NOPE, YOU'RE SCARY ALL OVER!
WHAT?! BUT HE FREAKS ME OUT~!
blush R-REALLY? THANKS.

WAH! I'M SO SORRY~!!
MAMI!! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE FLINGING THAT PARFAIT!!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO THROW YOUR ICE CREAM OVER THERE?
So clumsy, but so cute.
ビチャ!!!
SPLAT!!

THIS GUY...
MIGHT HAVE A SCARY FACE, BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM THAT BAD.
It can go in the washing machine. See?
Huh, really?

I ALREADY APOLOGIZED!
WHAT THE HELL?! APOLOGIZE, NOW!!

IT'S REALLY NO BIG DEAL.

I'M SORRY! I'LL HAVE THIS CLEANED!

I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT I DID!!
DO YOU REALLY LIKE MAMI?
This is the second time!!

TATSUAKI-KUN...
UM, COULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR CELL NUMBER?
HUH?
HE PROBABLY JUST GETS NERVOUS AROUND MAMI...
AND ACTS TOUGH TO COVER IT UP.
I'M NOT STAR-ING!
Don't look at me!
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!

THAT HOW I KNOW IT!
BY THE WAY...
HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?
WELL...
WE ARE IN THE SAME CLASS...
TOMORROW'S SATURDAY, SO I THOUGHT I COULD CLEAN YOUR SHIRT AND BRING IT TO YOU.
WHA?
IT'S FINE IF YOU JUST GIVE IT TO ME AT SCHOOL.
REALLY?! OKAY, THEN I'LL GIVE IT BACK ON MONDAY.

YEAH...
I KNOW YOU TOO, CHIKI-CHAN.
YOU... YOU LOOK LIKE HER.
LIKE MAMI-CHAN.

SO, THIS GUY SEES ME AS "MAMI" TOO...
BUT THEY'RE DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
HER EYEBROWS ...
!
HER EXPRES-SIONS...
I'D NEVER MISTAKE HER FOR MAMI.
NO WAY.

MAMI-CHAN'S!
UM, SINCE I GAVE YOU MY NUMBER, MAYBE YOU COULD GIVE ME...
WHOA...!
WHIP
HOW ABOUT ASKING HER YOURSELF?
NO WAY.
TELL ME MAMI-CHAN'S CELL NUMBER.
ANYWAY, YOU FREAK MAMI OUT, SO DON'T COME NEAR HER ANYMORE.
ALSO, THE TWO OF US ARE DATING.
AH, BUT JUST FOR TWO WEEKS, RIGHT?
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

WHERE'S YOUR HOUSE? I'LL WALK YOU HOME.
I LIVE CLOSE BY.
GO HOME ON YOUR OWN.
NATSUKI ...
IT'S UP TO YOU TO PROTECT THE PRINCESS!
Played around like this since they were little.
Princess ...?
HUH? WHAT ABOUT CHIKI-CHAN?!
LET'S HEAD BACK, MAMI.
NATSUKI'S HERE.
I HOPE MAMI'S NOT CAUSING YUI-KUN ANY TROUBLE.
I'M WORRIED ...
AH, THIS IS THE LONG WAY, BUT...
OH WELL.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME...
A GUY'S WALKED ME HOME.
I'M KINDA NERVOUS...

YOU LIKE HIM, TOO. DON'T YOU, CHIKI-CHAN?
YUI.
EH?
IS THAT SO?
THAT'S GREAT.
IT'S FINE.
YUI'S REALLY INTO MAMI-CHAN.
SHE'S YUI'S TYPE.
REALLY?
BUT I WANT THINGS TO WORK OUT BETWEEN MAMI-CHAN AND YUI.
I'M SORRY...

I SEE.
NATSUKI-KUN IS YUI-KUN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND...
SO, OF COURSE HE'S LOOKING OUT FOR YUI-KUN.
NO...
IF I CHEER THEM ON?
WILL YOU HATE ME...

FOR ME, I WANT MAMI TO BE HAPPY.
BUT...
IF MAMI'S HAPPY, I'M HAPPY...
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER ALL OUR LIFE.
IT'S WEIRD.
I WONDER WHAT THIS FEELING IS?

BUT NOT THIS TIME.

THERE IS NO OTHER STAR IN THE SKY LIKE YUI.

WHY...

DO I FEEL A LITTLE SAD RIGHT NOW?

YUI-KUN LIKES MAMI.

MAMI LIKES YUI-KUN.

MAMI AND I USUALLY SHARE THINGS...

Yui-kun!
I brought you a drink!
Here!
He's talking about Mami.
WHO?!
WHY?!
WHA?!
NO!?
NOO!!
Be quiet!
Huh, why not?! Why not?!
I can only accept those things from the girl I'm seeing.
Canned coffee after practice?
Morning Black Coffee
Huh?

Ah!
Tatsuaki-kun!
Now I'm ready for practice.
That's cute...
Because it had morning written on it!

By the way... Chiki-chan...
What the--? It smells so good!!
Morning!
Here's your shirt.
Oh, thanks.
Didn't you have someone you liked?
Huh?

.....
CHIKI-CHAN, I THINK YOU NEED TO BE MORE CONFIDENT.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD HIM HOW YOU FEEL!
I DO LIKE SOMEONE, BUT IT'S NEVER GONNA HAPPEN.
HAVE YOU BEEN STALKING ME OR SOMETHING?
NAH... I JUST HAPPENED TO OVER-HEAR.
Well, maybe I was following you.
I THINK ...
I MEAN--! UM... YOU SEEM REALLY MATERNAL.
CHIKI-CHAN, YOU'RE WARM AND LIKE A MOM...
UM... HOW CAN I SAY THIS...
(That's the same thing.)
THAT'S GREAT!

I FEEL THE SAME WAY!
I'm gonna go look for her!!
WHERE DID SHE GO?!
ZOOM
MA--
MAMI-CHAN!!
I WANT YOU AND YUI-KUN TO DATE!
WAIT...
IS THAT WHY SHE WANTED TO BREAK UP WITH HIM?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YUI-KUN SAID HE LIKES YOU, DIDN'T HE?
I DON'T WANT TO DATE HIM, THOUGH...
BUT I KNOW YOU LIKE HIM, TOO!

BUT YOU LIKE HIM, CHIKI-CHAN!
IF CHIKI-CHAN CAN'T BE HAPPY AS WELL, THEN I DON'T WANNA GO OUT WITH HIM!
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE TO DATE HIM!
THEN...
CAN NEITHER OF US BE HAPPY?
MAMI IS ALWAYS THE ONE HE CALLS CUTE...
BECAUSE LATER, YOU BETTER SAY YOU LIKE YUI-KUN TOO!
JUST WATCH!
.....
IF I CONFESS TO YUI-KUN, WILL YOU AS WELL?!
THEN...

I'VE ALWAYS JUST BEEN MAMI'S OLDER SISTER.
YUI-KUN!
UH...
UHM...!
BUT SOME-DAY...
I BELIEVE IT.
YUI...
UH...
UHH...
YUI-KUN!
BUT, REALLY...
I'LL KEEP SEARCH-ING FOR IT.
BUT SOMEDAY, I'LL MEET THE PERSON WHO WILL LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM.

I...
I LIKE YOU, CHIKI-CHAN.
DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.
MPHF...!

SORRY FOR TAKING YOU THE LONG WAY HOME THE OTHER DAY.
I JUST WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU...
YOU'RE SUCH A NICE PERSON.
DEEP DOWN...
I WORRIED THAT I MIGHT NEVER FIND THAT SPECIAL PERSON.
DIDN'T WANT YOU GETTING CLOSE TO YUI.
THAT'S WHY I...
PLIP
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU.
"WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?"
"ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?"

BUT HE DOES EXIST...!
A STAR THAT WOULD SHINE JUST FOR ME.

I'VE FOUND HIM!

To be continued...

This is volume 2 of the new edition of *Orange*. Thank you for reading it.

Hello. I'm Takano.

This research trip became more like a **vacation**...

And we bought lots of souvenirs.

We always chat while having tea or something to eat.

We had soba for lunch. (But soba is not featured in this work.)

Matsumoto Castle and Agatanomori and Nawate Street, as well as a secret location.

My editor and I went around Matsumoto to collect reference materials.

I thought it might be good if I could repay the head editor and my editor at *Gekkan Action* for running *Orange*...

So, that's why I want this series to have **lots of fans!**

It's a tough road, but...

That's putting it simply.

(Fingers crossed!)

To become popular.

I talked with my editor, and for the time being, it seems my goal for this series is...

From the bottom of my heart, I greatly appreciate all of you cheering me on!

But for all of you that read it, as well as my editor.

The motivation behind drawing manga is not for myself...

Even though I didn't catch one cold while working on a series...

When I took a break for a year, I caught **three** colds.

It had been so long, I didn't realize it, even when I had a fever.

?
I'm kinda dizzy... Is it anemia?

Every day, I am thankful for my good health and being able to draw manga.

Even though there are many challenges along the way...

I'LL DO MY BEST!!!

Fun with Science

Well then, see you in volume 3!

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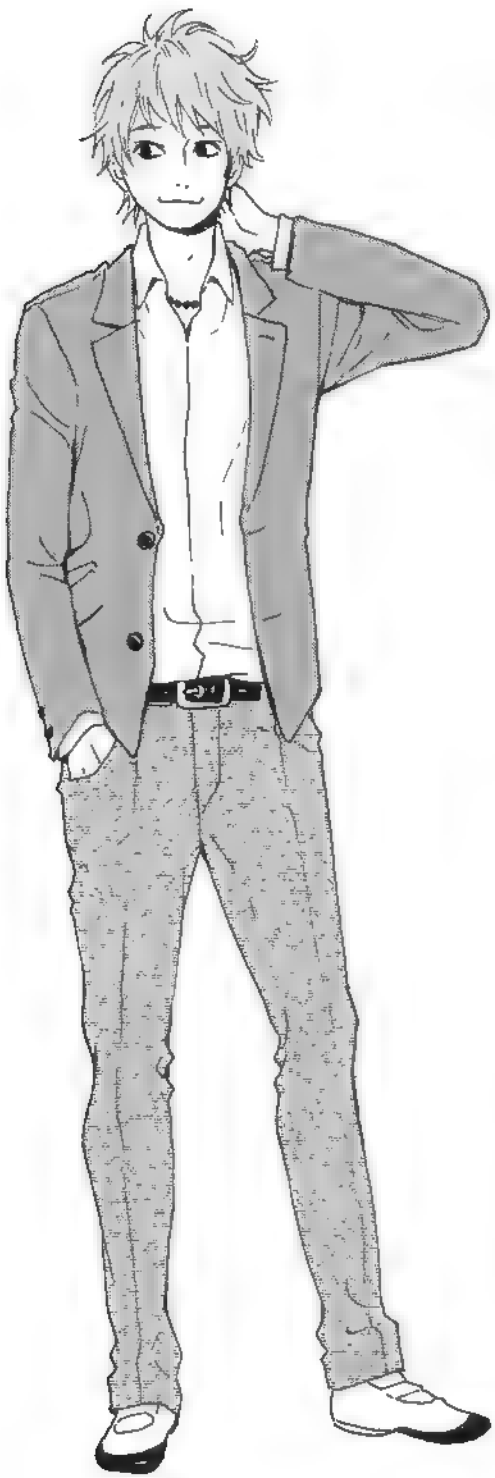

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WAH! HE'S SO CUTE!

HE IS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

KAKERU'S SO SMALL!

HE STILL LOOKED THE SAME THOUGH.

AHAHA, YOU'RE SO RIGHT.

...WAS IT

He's so cute.

REALLY AN ACCIDENT?

THE POLICE SAID THEY COULDN'T BE 100% SURE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

RIGHT AFTER THE ACCIDENT TEN YEARS AGO,

WE WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH.

BUT AFTERWARDS, I HEARD FROM THE POLICE THAT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

THEY CAME AND ASKED ME

IF HE HAD CHANGED,

AND IF HE'D TALKED ABOUT DYING.

.....

WE THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THE STORY CHANGED SO SUDDENLY...

THE BRAKES FAILED AND HE FLEW INTO THE ROAD AND IT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT.

THAT THE BIKE KAKERU WAS RIDING BROKE.

KAKERU.

IT'S... TIME TO TELL THEM,

THIS...

IS KAKERU'S LAST MESSAGE.

I FOUND IT IN HIS ROOM THE DAY AFTER IT HAPPENED.

I'm sorry Grandma. I'm sorry that I hurt you.

If something happens to me,
please tell everyone that it was an accident.

I'm going to Mom to apologize.

Thank you for everything.

IT LOOKS LIKE

KAKERU RODE INTO THE TRUCK'S PATH HIMSELF.

Kakeru...

I THOUGHT, WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

I WOULD HAVE GLADLY GIVEN YOU ANYTHING.

YET, THOSE REGRETS CAME TOO LATE.

HE SAVED US...

Sorry...

I am so sorry...

OH YEAH,

HERE... THIS IS FROM THE TIME CAPSULE WE OPENED EARLIER.

WE WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS PICTURE OF HIM.

AH...

HE LOOKS HAPPY.

We promised that we would all smile that day, but

We cried so much.

it's so sad without him.

We are empty.

What you did, and what you didn't do.

You will regret.

"Regret"

This is the weakness and pitifulness of you in the past.

You'll be able to fix all the things I regret.

To the me ten years ago,

you will be okay.

BU

BUZZ

ZZ

BU

ZZ...

I guess it's all thanks to this hair clip that we held hands

But Kakeru

actually smiled.

So certain things are probably different.

The future me didn't get a hair clip

Me?!

Ask Kakeru if he can come too.

THANKS~

Azu
8/1 13 : 22
Hey —☆

We're meeting at 17:30
for the MatsuBon.
At the Flower Clock Park~

YAY!!

*T/N Atsuyukata is a summer kimono

Kakeru
8/1 14 : 31
Re :

I want to come.

Naho, are you going to wear a yukata?

BABUMP

BABUMP

CHALALAN

Sorry to bother you during summer break.

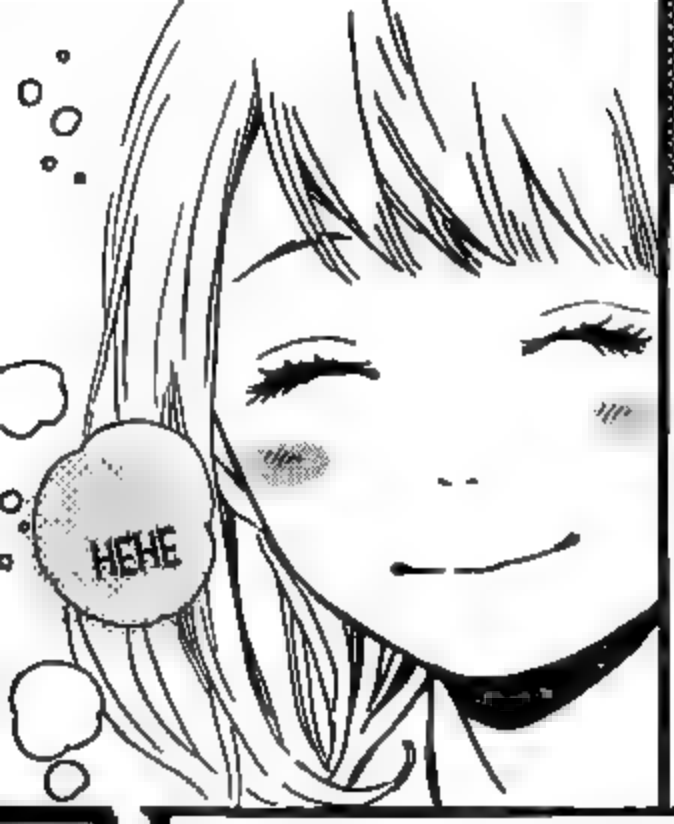
Can you come to the Matsumoto BonBon festival on the 4th?

Azu and Taka are coming too.

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP



☐Kakeru
☐8/1 14 : 53
☐Re :

I'll wear one if I have one, but I probably don't.

『 August 4th 』

- The six of you go to the "Matsumoto BonBon".
- Even though he said he probably didn't have one, Kakeru comes wearing a yukata.
- There were so many people that we got separated, and Kakeru and I ended up alone.
- While we were talking, I asked Kakeru about his mom without knowing the details.

Kakeru didn't say anything.
And I changed the subject.

◎ I want you to ask him about her.

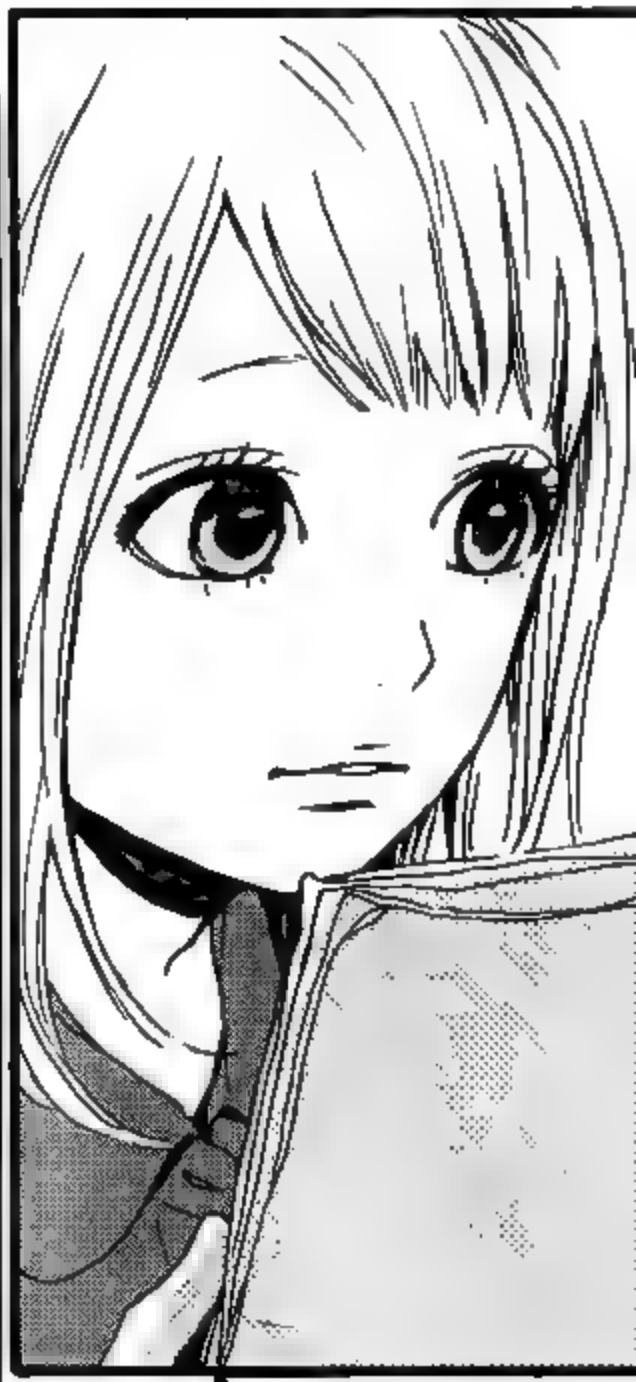
I think that Kakeru's regret is that he thinks he couldn't help his mom.

I want you to save him from that regret.

If you can do that, you will probably prevent his accident.

What does she mean... by preventing Kakeru's accident?

Wouldn't I be able to do that just by knowing when the accident is...?



I usually just read the day's letter, to make sure I don't confuse anything, but...

But it should be fine if I know the date of the accident

Should I look ..

for the day of the accident...?

rustle

rustle

rustle

February 15th

HERE, THIS...

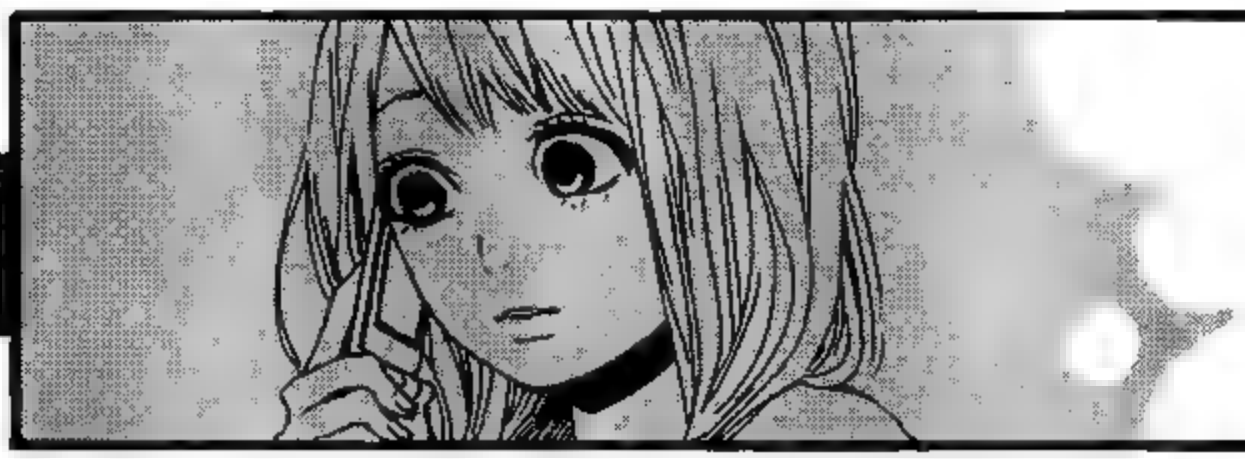
IS THE LAST DATE IN THE LETTER

「 February 15th 」

- Up until that moment, it was just a normal day.

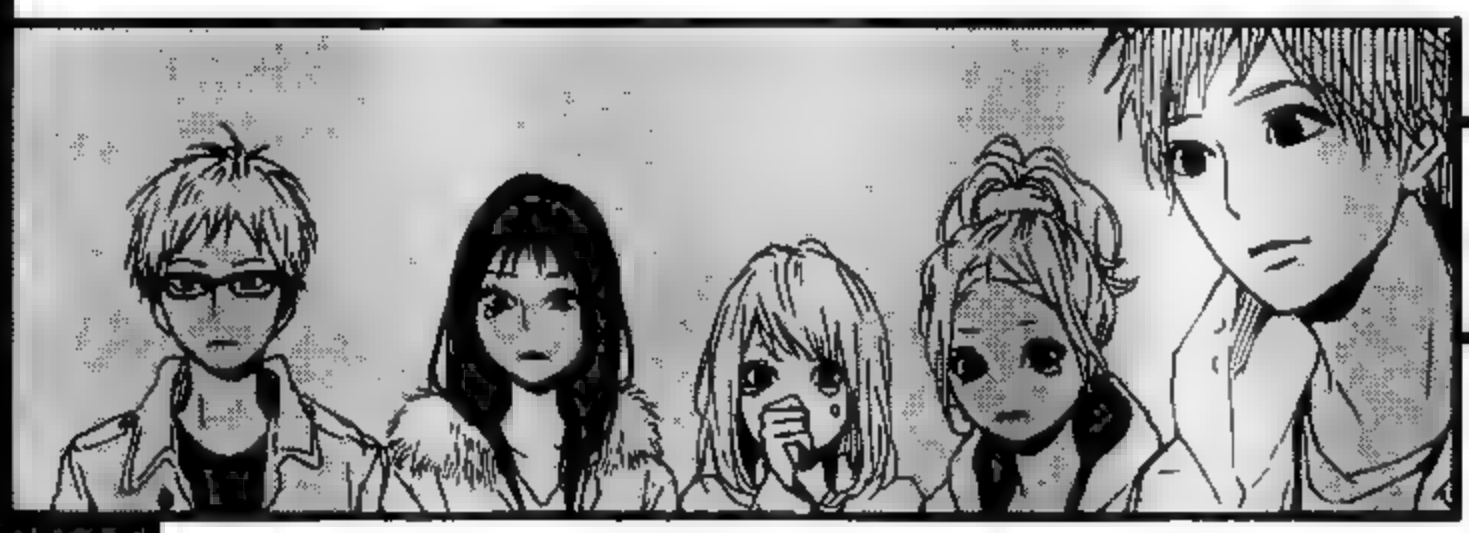
- That night, I was writing in my diary like usual, when I got a call from Suwa saying "Kakeru's been in an accident".

"He didn't make it".



- The accident happened around 8,
At the intersection close to his house.

- While Kakeru was riding his bike, he came out in front of an oncoming truck.



- We couldn't do anything. Not save Kakeru from the accident, or even help him in any way.

◎ I want Kakeru to not choose death.

◎ I want to lighten the burdens he was carrying.

◎ I want to carry his troubles with him.

◎ I want you to never leave him alone.

◎ I want you to save his heart.

We know that it wasn't an accident, but suicide.

We only have one regret; that we let Kakeru die.

Save him at all.

won't

Then just preventing the accident

Kakeru's death...

Was suicide...?

What should I do to help him?

Then what should...

NAHO, HAVE YOU STARTED YET?

An, not yet

AH! A YUKATA!

YEAH. WE HAD ONE.

Haha

NAHO?!

IT SUITS YOU.

REALLY?

Hagita said he was going to wear one too.

WELL, SEEMS MY GRANDPA USED TO WEAR THEM. THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO WEAR IT.

YOUR HAIR IS SO DIFFERENT.

I thought you were someone else.

YEAH! I GOT THE IDEA FROM A MAGAZINE.

BY YOURSELF?!

I CAN SAY THIS BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS.

...BUT YOU'LL THINK ITS WEIRD.

WH-WHAT IS IT?!

haha

WELL, IT'S...

Ahaha

I KNEW IT!

NOT LIKE THAT.

IT'S A LITTLE... STRANGE.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY IT.

And embarrassing.

WAA IT- IT IS WEIRD.

YOU'RE BLUSHING, NAHO.

Ahaha

CUTE.

REALLY? WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

LET'S LOOK AROUND TOGETHER.

EH.

AZU AND TAKA SAY THEY'LL BE LATE.

I GOT A MESSAGE SAYING SUWA AND HAGITA WERE GOING TO BE LATE TOO.

OF... OF COURSE.

IT'S SO CROWDED.

WE HAVE TO PAY TO GO DOWN NAWATE STREET, BUT THERE'LL BE FEWER PEOPLE.

THEY'RE GOING TO FIND YOU GUYS.

IT WORKED!!

You're being so loud

It's a date! A date!

KYAA

KYAA

PE H

WE'RE TOGETHER.

IT'S GREAT, BUT I'M NERVOUS.

HANAIRO

HOW MANY STRAWS? NEED ONE FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?

HERE.

THAT'S ¥250.

*T/N: Around $2.75.

YEAH, JUST A LITTLE CRUSHED.

YOU ALRIGHT, NAHO?

HAHA

NO, WE'RE NOT TOGETHER.

BOYFRIEND?!

!!

HAHAHA, I SEE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A COUPLE.

I'm so sad! Haha.

YOU'RE ASKING THAT NOW?

OH YEAH, KAKERU. WHO'S THAT PERSON YOU SAID YOU NOTICE?

Y-YEAH.

IT'S 'CAUSE WE'RE ALONE THAT WE LOOK LIKE A COUPLE.

NOW...

IT'S NOT A PERSON I "NOTICE".

?

IT'S FURTHER THAN BEFORE.

SO NOW, IT'S "THE PERSON I LIKE".

I SEE...

THE PERSON HE LIKES.

THAT'S A LITTLE SHOCKING.

HE DID IT...

But that's good I guess.

WANT TO GO TO THE SHRINE?

YEAH, SURE.

WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR?

...ME?

WOULD BECOME COMPLETELY HAPPY.

THAT YOU

IS IT OKAY TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOU WISH FOR?

EH?! ISN'T IT?!

will something bad happen?!

YEP.

BUT THAT JUST MADE ME FEEL REALLY HAPPY

THANK YOU.

WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR?

I...

I DIDN'T WISH FOR ANYTHING.

Is it because I know how Kakeru dies

that today I can see his smile is full of sadness?

SINCE IT'S GOD

HE CAN GET IT TO HER.

YOU DIDN'T?

NOT REALLY A WISH

BUT TO TELL MY MOM SOMETHING.

IT'S A SECRET.

WHAT DID YOU TELL HER?

◎ I want you to ask him about his mom.

I CAN'T ASK HIM NOW

I'M HUNGRY...

I WANT SOME YAKISOBA.

SURE...

*T/N: Fried noodles with veggies.

WHEN HE'S HAVING A GOOD TIME, I'LL LEAVE IT.

I'LL ASK HIM LATER.

THEY'LL REALLY COME HERE? AZU AND THE REST?

YEAH.

WHY AGATA FOREST...?

It's so far

THERE'S NO ONE HERE...

And it's dark

IT SHOULD BE FINE NOW.

CAN I ASK WHAT YOU TOLD YOUR MOM?

KAKERU...

*T/N: Wooden sandals

MY FEET ARE TIRED.

'CAUSE OF THE GETA.

I'LL ASK HIM TILL HE ACTUALLY ANSWERS.

...I TOLD YOU IT WAS A SECRET.

...THERE'S NOTHING.

WHAT YOU REMEMBER? WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT.

THEN TELL ME ABOUT YOU? WHAT YOU'RE THINKING?

EVEN IF IT'S ONLY WHAT'S BOTHERING HIM RIGHT NOW.

To change the future...

NOTHING AT ALL.

.....

Is to change myself.

...THEN WHAT YOU REGRET

IS NOT HELPING HER?

YOU MIGHT DISLIKE ME IF I TOLD YOU.

...I THOUGHT

I WON'T. NEVER.

...YEAH.

THANKS...

BUT THE BIGGEST IS THE DAY OF OPENING CEREMONY.

I HAVE LOTS OF REGRETS

KAKERU,

AFTER SCHOOL, COME RIGHT BACK HOME.

THE DAY YOUR MOM PASSED AWAY?

YEAH.

ON THAT DAY, I TOLD HER.

FOR THE DOCTOR?

YES.

GOT IT.

SINCE BEFORE WE MOVED HERE, MY MOM HADN'T BEEN DOING WELL, AND WE'D COMMUTE TO THE HOSPITAL.

SINCE IT WAS THE FIRST DAY AT A NEW HOSPITAL

I SAID I'D GO WITH HER.

I PLANNED TO GO STRAIGHT BACK.

...BUT

WE INVITED HIM OUT.

I WAS JUST GLAD THAT YOU GUYS ASKED ME TO WALK HOME WITH YOU.

EVEN THOUGH THE LETTER CLEARLY SAID NOT TO.

I WAS WORRIED THAT I WOULDN'T MAKE FRIENDS AT THE NEW SCHOOL.

SO I REALLY WANTED TO WALK WITH YOU GUYS.

I THOUGHT I COULD JUST APOLOGIZE TO HER LATER.

BUT SHE NEVER REPLIED.

I SENT MOM A TEXT SAYING I COULDN'T GO WITH HER.

MY MOM BECAME MENTALLY UNSTABLE BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT SHE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT ME.

I KNEW THAT I HAD TO SUPPORT HER...

I KNEW THAT...

"HOW ANNOYING".

BUT THAT DAY I THOUGHT

I DIDN'T THINK THAT SHE WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE SO EASILY.

I DID SOMETHING SO AWFUL...

SO I ASKED GOD

TO TELL HER I'M SORRY.

THAT I REGRET IT...

...IT'S ALL RIGHT.

WHAT A GROUND-LESS IDEA.

WHAT IS "ALL RIGHT"?

YOUR MOM UNDERSTANDS.

THANK YOU, NAHO.

I'M SORRY... BUT COULD YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?

.....

I'VE FELT SO GUILTY ABOUT IT THIS WHOLE TIME.

TELLING YOU MADE ME FEEL BETTER.

I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING.

THEN... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER THERE.

OKAY...

I HAD NO IDEA

WHAT I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM.

WHAT DOES "HELP" REALLY MEAN?

AH, NAHO.

BUT THAT WAS JUST A MISTAKE.

DATE?!

WAS YOUR DATE FUN?!

AND IF YOU WERE TO-GETHER?

SORRY WE'RE SO LATE.

IT'S FINE, BUT WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL, THIS AND THAT.

Heh heh

WHAT'S WITH THIS?!

YOU'RE BLUSHING.

LOOKS LIKE IT WENT WELL.

ah ha ha

BU

BU

Suwa and Hagita are at McDonald's.

.....

HEY, WHERE'S KAKERU?!

...HUH?

Are you okay? I'm worried about you.

Know that you can tell me anything when you need to.

Kakeru
8/4 20:39

I'm heading back.
Thank you for today.

Thank you.

Sniff

What should I do...?

then

But

8/11 8:15

The days passed and I couldn't do anything.

With this,

I can't say I helped him.

IF I DIDN'T. IF I DIDN'T HELP HIM..

DID I DO IT?

WAAAH!

DING DONG

THIS ISN'T AN EASY TASK.

...NAHO, WHAT IS IT?

AND KAKERU HASN'T BEEN SHOWING UP RECENTLY. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.

BUT I JUST GOT DONE WITH PRACTICE

SORRY TO JUST SHOW UP,

.....

Kakeru

NAHO,

SUWA'S HERE.

SUWA KNOWS KAKERU WELL.

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN DO BY MYSELF.

TALKING TO SUWA

...I SHOULD TRY

About the letter and everything

I'll try telling him...

...I WANT US TO HELP HIM TOGETHER.

...YEAH?

UM... I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT KAKERU...

I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL BELIEVE ME, BUT.

He might not help me, but...

He might not believe me when I say this.

But... I want him to help me.

UM, YOU SEE...

NAHO.

IT'S ALRIGHT.

DON'T WORRY.

YOU GOT ONE, RIGHT?

A LETTER.

...YEAH.

I GOT ONE.

FROM MYSELF.

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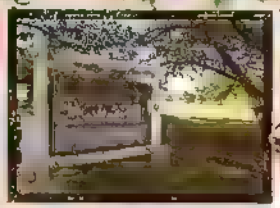
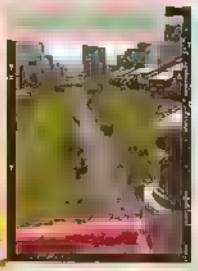
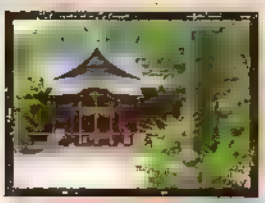


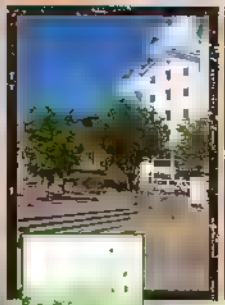
HOW ABOUT A WALK IN MATSUMOTO FOR CHRISTMAS?

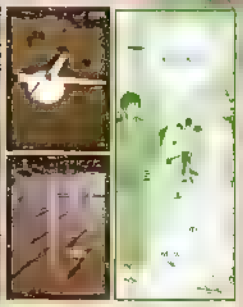
IT WAS REALLY POPULAR LAST TIME, SO WE'LL GO DEEP INTO MATSUMOTO LET'S GO WITH NAHO AND EVERYONE!

NAHO AND EVERYONE'S FAVORITE SPOT?!









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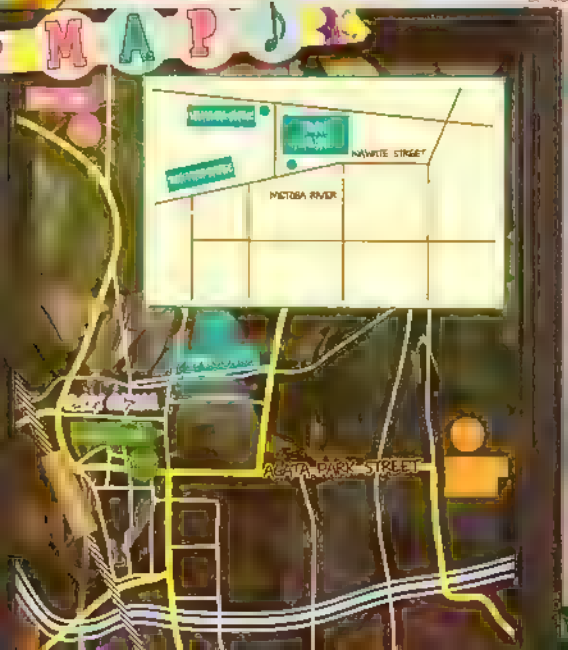

"A LETTER."

"YOU GOT ONE, RIGHT?"

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When I heard Suwa say that,

Was all I could think

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The days you were there and my future.

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YEAH.

YOU GOT YOURS ON THE DAY OF THE OPENING CEREMONY?

YOU CAN READ IT.

AH. IN THE SAME ENVELOPE.

REALLY?

THIS

IS THE LETTER THAT I GOT.

Suwa Hiroto

Mr. Suwa Hiroto

How are you, my 16 year old self?

I'm writing you this letter from the future

Actually, I have a very important favor to ask of you

I want you to erase the regret I am carrying

Not just for me, but so that you don't follow the same path that led me to it

"REGRET..."

LIKE "NOT INVITING KAKERU HOME WITH US," OR

"MAKE SURE I GET KAKERU TO JOIN THE SOCCER CLUB," THAT SORT OF THING.

BUT THAT DAY,

I DIDN'T READ THE LETTER 'TIL I GOT HOME, AND IT STILL HAPPENED.

WAS DUE TO SUWA'S LETTER.

BUT, THE REASON KAKERU JOINED THE SOCCER CLUB

Mine is way longer...

YEAH.

IS THIS ALL OF IT?

HE SAID HE WANTS ME TO SAVE KAKERU.

"There is only one 'regret.' The regret that we didn't save Kakeru."

I guess everything he's done up 'til now has been for Kakeru...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, NAHO. IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.

"Regret"

The future me and the future Suwa are probably saying the same thing.

September 14th. This is Kakeru's birthday.

We didn't know 'til long afterwards 'cause Kakeru didn't tell us anything, so nobody knew about it. Thus, we said we would celebrate the next year, and asked what he wanted.
But in the end, we never celebrated his 18th birthday.
So before that day, ask him when his birthday is and what he wants.

After that, I

Kakeru's birthday...

The fact that Suwa also got a letter

This wasn't in my letter, but...

makes me happy and a little relieved

Suwa is so strong to actually tell me.

Won't you forget?
ISN'T THAT STILL TWO MONTHS AWAY?
MINE'S NOVEMBER 27, I THOUGHT I WOULD THROW IT OUT THERE.
SINCE
WHAT? THAT WAS RANDOM.

Ho-
How lucky!
Wh-
What?!
ISN'T THAT NEXT WEEK?! DID YOU HEAR THAT. NAHO?!
SEPTEMBER 14?! THAT'S REALLY SOON. RIGHT?!
?
WHAT?!!
MINE'S SEPTEMBER 14.
SERIOUSLY? AWESOME.
THEN I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
THEN LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!
WE'LL BAKE A CAKE AND EVERYTHING!
My folks will
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?!
KAKERU-! ♪
GREAT. THAT WORKED WELL.
GRIN
GRIN

OH YEAH?!

...BUT I DO WANT SOMETHING.

EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT IT BEFORE.

I WANT TO SEE A GAME AT THE MATSUMOTO SOCCER STADIUM.

HUH? I DON'T REALLY WANT A PRESENT?

WE'RE JUST ASKING.

IT'S NOT A PRESENT OR ANYTHING.

*T/N: Literally means the "Matsumoto Elegance." They're an actual professional team based in Matsumoto, Nagano.

OKAY!! SOCCER TICKETS!!

YEAH, THAT!

THE MATSUMOTO YAMAGA*?!

WHAT WAS THE TEAM NAME AGAIN?

KAKERU. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

ANYTHING THAT YOU'VE WANTED?

Hehehe~!

Sounds like fun!

"SORRY GARY"?

ALRIGHT. MANGA.

THEN... I WANT TO READ THAT FUNNY MANGA YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT.

UH...

STUPID. IT'S NOT A PRESENT, YOU FOOL.

What do you mean, "How have you been?"

I DON'T REALLY WANT A PRESENT?

KAKERU,

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT...?

It's not a present,

stupid.

just one volume is fine

I HAVE PRACTICE, LATER.

IT'S NOT TIME YET.

WELL,

Suwa's not here

I DON'T NEED PRESENTS.

AZU, TAKAKO AND HAGITA ARE ALREADY GIVING ME SOMETHING.

YOU DON'T HAVE ONE LIKE SUWA'S?

NO... I DON'T.

YOU ALWAYS USE THAT BAG, RIGHT...?

HEY KAKERU...

I HAD ONE BEFORE...

BUT WHEN WE MOVED,

MY MOM THREW IT AWAY SINCE I WASN'T GOING TO JOIN A CLUB.

NO... I DON'T WANT SOMETHING EXPENSIVE.

I won't be able to pay you back

I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS ONE.

GOT IT!

I SEE.

.....

LATER THEN!

IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT OR ANYTHING!

It's totally your present.

I'll g.ve him a bag for his birthday!

I'M GIVING KAKERU A BAG FOR HIS BIRTHDAY.

SO, HOW ABOUT YOU DON'T?

I'M... GIVING HIM ONE.

JUST GIVE UP AND STOP SEEING HIM.

AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOU'RE MY KOUHAI, SO JUST STOP.

*Kouhai = Junior

NOTHING.

YEAH, RIGHT.

IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU DON'T LIKE MY FRIEND.

PLEASE GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF.

KAKERU BROKE UP WITH YOU!

YOU SHOULD GIVE UP!!

JUNIORS.

TALK ABOUT BRATTY.

HAAA?!

WHO'S THE BRAT!

.....

BUT ANYWAY... THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

WE ONLY WENT OUT ONCE!

HOW CAN I BE SATISFIED WITH THAT?!

I'M HER FRIEND, SO IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH ME.

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO HER, SO GET OUT OF THE WAY.

THOUGH YOU WON'T SHUT UP.

IF YOU WANT TO GET HIM BACK,

HOW ABOUT FIXING YOUR PERSONALITY?

KAKERU

IS SAYING THAT

HE WOULD RATHER BE WITH NAHO THAN WITH YOU.

HA?

ME? A BAD PERSON?

BAN

!

I'M NOT A NICE PERSON EITHER.

THAT "THE 'SCHOOL MISS' IS BULLYING A JUNIOR?"

SO HOW 'BOUT I TELL EVERYONE

WHATEVER, I DON'T CARE ABOUT KAKERU.

...YOU CAN JUST...

STOP THAT...

.....

THEN DISAPPEAR.

DON'T WANT ME TO?

AND WE WIN!!

GIRLS ARE SCARY.

SWISH SWISH

nyeh

TELL ME IF SHE MESSES WITH YOU AGAIN.

I'll kill her.

THANKS TO TAKA!

I'M ALL RELAXED NOW!

THANKS...

WE JUST HAD THAT PILING UP.

YEAH, YEAH. THAT'S TOTALLY FINE!

SORRY... FOR GETTING YOU TWO INVOLVED...

?

KAKERU, STAY HERE.

?

NAHO, COME HERE.

AND WE SAID STUFF LIKE, "ISN'T THAT GOOD?"

THAT WE DIDN'T STOP KAKERU FROM GOING OUT WITH HER.

WE'RE SORRY

NAHO...

YOU LIKE KAKERU, RIGHT?

SORRY THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE SOONER...

.....

...YEAH...

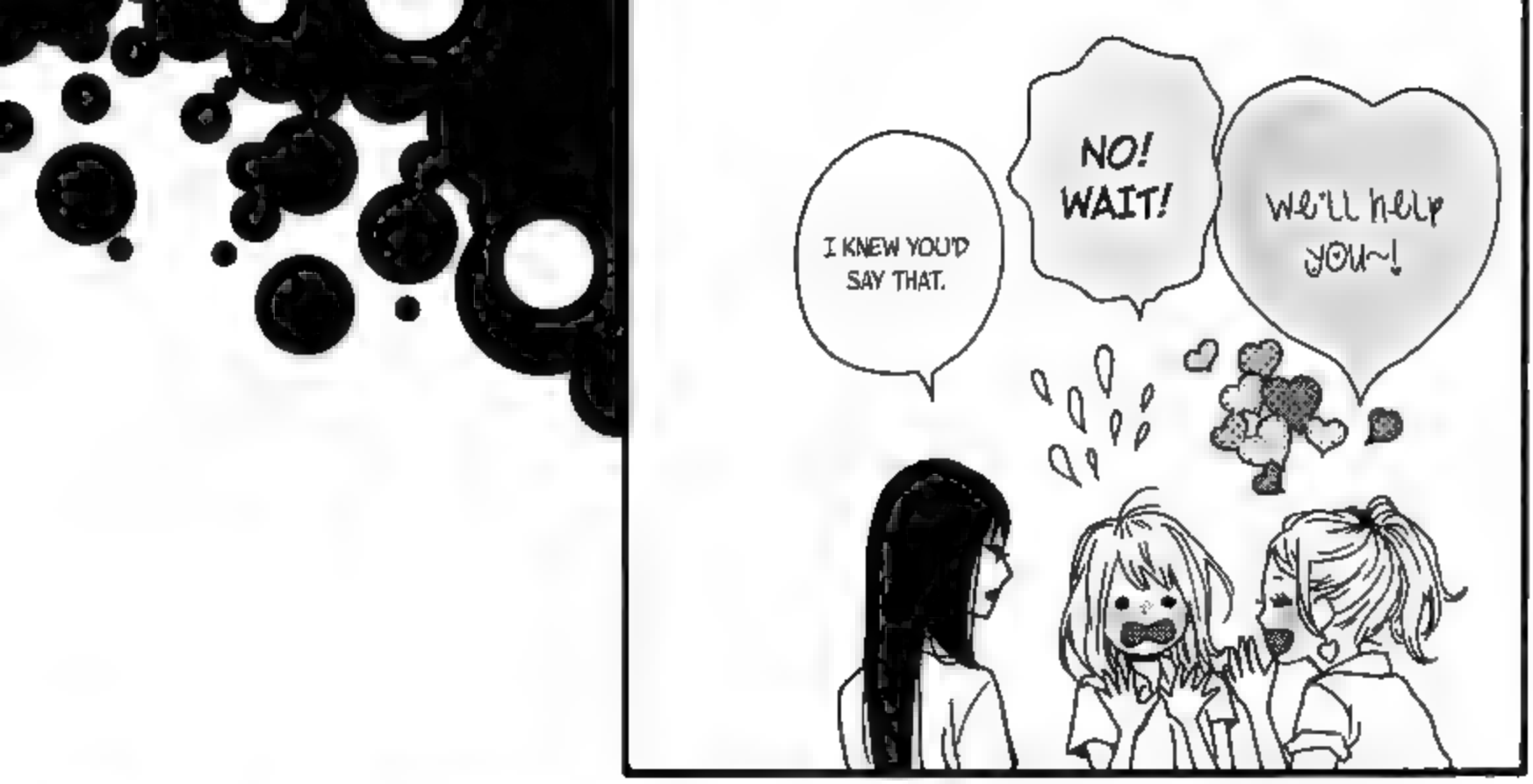
They actually noticed.

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS.

YOU HAVE TO TELL US THIS STUFF WITHOUT HIDING IT!

DON'T HIDE THINGS ANYMORE!

YEAH...I'M SORRY. THANK YOU.


I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT.
NO! WAIT!
We'll help you~!

I...
WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR NAHO...

HA? THEN YOU WILL TOO?

NOPE.

WHAT? THAT'S HARSH.

WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD GIVE HER?

A CONFESSION.

ANYWAY, I HAVE NOTHING LEFT I WANT.

EVERYONE'S ALREADY ASKED ME.

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO TELL YOU.

KAKERU,

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?

NO.

ALREADY DONE.

A SPORTS BAG FOR CLUB?

ALREADY DONE.

TICKETS TO A YAMAGA GAME?

YOU SAY THAT, BUT...

Let me think...

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING...

COME ON, MAN.

YEAH, IT'S OKAY.

...A BOUQUET? SERIOUSLY?

ALRIGHT, I'LL TAKE A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS.

GO WITH YOUR MOM.

TWO TICKETS TO GO SEE THE YAMAGA PLAY.

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY!

WHAT MANGA IS THAT?

Never heard of it

WANNA BORROW IT?

NAW, THANKS.

THE 5 VOLUME SET OF "SORRY GARY."

THE THIRD VOLUME IS HILARIOUS.

Read it

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

USE IT WHEN YOU JOIN THE SOCCER CLUB.

FROM ME... YOU WERE ALWAYS SAYING HOW IT'D BE NICE TO HAVE A BAG LIKE SUWA'S.

SURE IT'S EMBARRASSING, BUT KAKERU SAID IT WAS OKAY, SO...

WHAT? Seriously?

HURRY UP, SUWA.

YOU'RE EMBARRASSED TO PLACE IT, RIGHT? That bouquet

HERE!

!

SWISH

!?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

TAP

...WHAT...?

THEY'RE FROM KAKERU.

"ALRIGHT, I'LL TAKE A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS."

"YEAH, IT'S OKAY."

"...A BOUQUET? SERIOUSLY?"

"I'LL GET THEM,

AND THEN GIVE THEM TO NAHO."

"HAA?

AREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO BE FOR YOU?!"

he he

"I'M KIDDING!"

...IS WHAT KAKERU TOLD ME.

...BUT WHY...

FOR ME?

"WHY?"

COME ON, NOW.

I ALREADY KNEW FROM THE START.

What the bouquet meant

I MEAN REALLY. KAKERU WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT NAHO.

SO THAT'S WHAT THE BOUQUET MEANT.

But did. He give these

To me...?

WHILE HE WAS HERE.

WE ARE SO SORRY THAT WE DIDN'T TRY TO HELP OUT MORE

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE PAINFUL FOR YOU.

IF WE HAD TOLD YOU HIS FEELINGS,

KAKERU LIKED YOU,

THE WHOLE TIME.

what?! Really?!

HAGITA! DON'T TELL THEM!

HEY, LISTEN TO THIS.

IT SEEMS THERE'S A GIRL KAKERU STARTED NOTICING.

ESPECIALLY ABOUT YOU, NAHO.

I HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU FROM KAKERU.

"THE PERSON KAKERU NOTICED..."

I always wondered who that was.

BUT, I GOT A BOUQUET FROM HIM.

KAKERU'S NO LONGER HERE,

AND I CAN NO LONGER ASK HIM ABOUT IT.

Kakeru...

If he were here, what would he say?

THAT THE OTHER ME CAN DO WHAT I WROTE.

I'M SURE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAKERU

HAPPY 17TH BIRTHDAY!!

KAKERU!!

THANK YOU!

MANGA?! THANK YOU!

DON'T BE SURPRISED ABOUT YOUR PRESENT.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

Hani

SOCCER TICKETS? THANKS!

HERE'S A PRESENT FROM US!!

WHOA!! IT'S AWESOME!!

YEAH, BUT I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

NAHO... I TOLD YOU NOT TO BUY EXPENSIVE STUFF...

It's huge!

SORRY, IT MUST HAVE BEEN EXPENSIVE...

BUT I LOVE IT.

I'LL TREASURE IT.

RIGHT.

THANKS!

Thank God.

I'm happy too.

FLOMP

!!

IT'S IN THE HALLWAY, HOLD ON.

?

THEN, SUWA? WHERE'S YOURS?

Hurry up

They're so calm

WHAT THE HECK?!

GYAHAHAHAHAHA!

A BOUQUET?! ARE YOU HIS BOYFRIEND?!

SHUT UP! DON'T LAUGH!!

KAKERU SAID IT WAS OKAY!

YOU DID?

NO! I WAS KIDDING!

DON'T GIVE ME THAT FOR REAL, IDIOT!!

NO RUNNING AWAY.

HERE!

PAT

September 14th.

It's Kakeru's birthday.

Make sure to

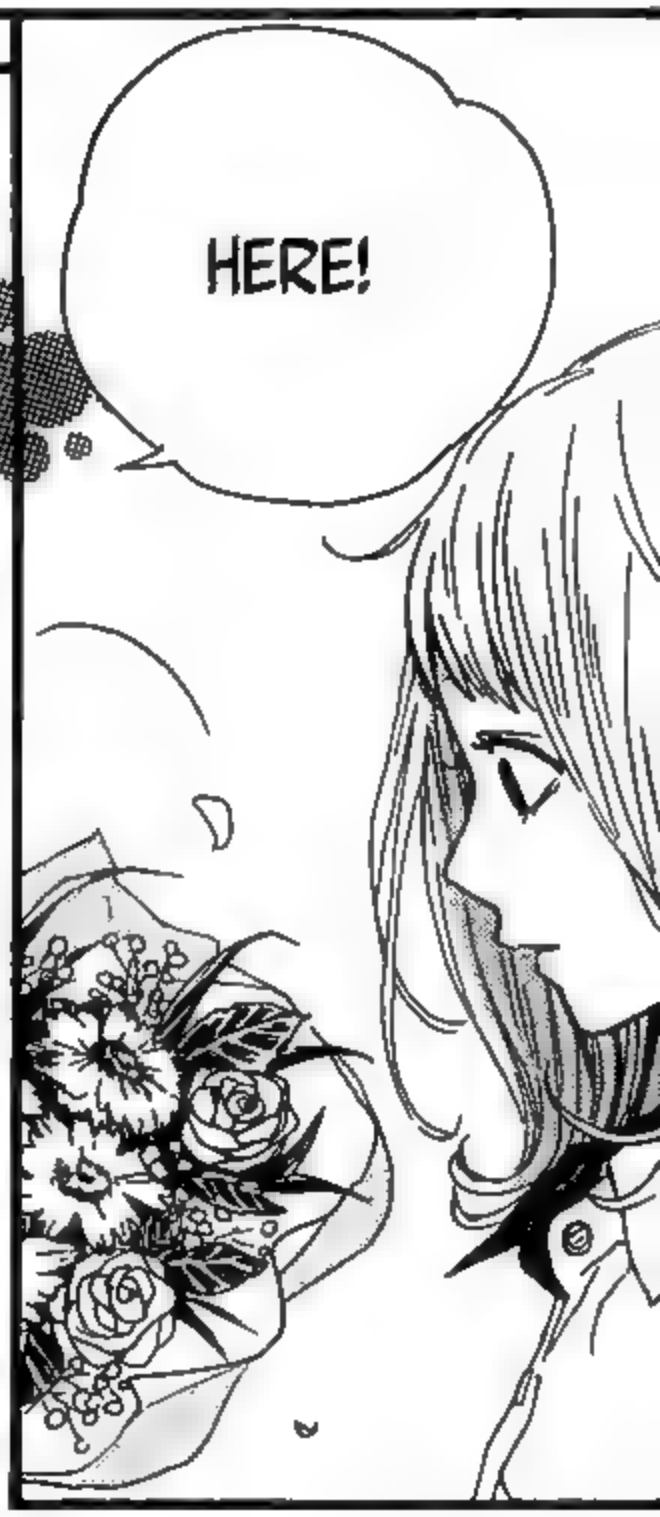
Actually ask him what

He wants for his birthday.

And I

Want you to give your present last.
I think he'll tell you he wants a bouquet.
Ask him why.

So, you have to give him a bouquet. You have to.



...BUT WHY... TO ME...?

...WHAT...?

"WHY?!"

WHY...?

glare

'CAUSE I WANT TO!

retreat

GO AHEAD. DON'T MIND US!

.....

There's no meaning

'CAUSE HE WANTS TO...?

...WHAT...

WHY ME...?

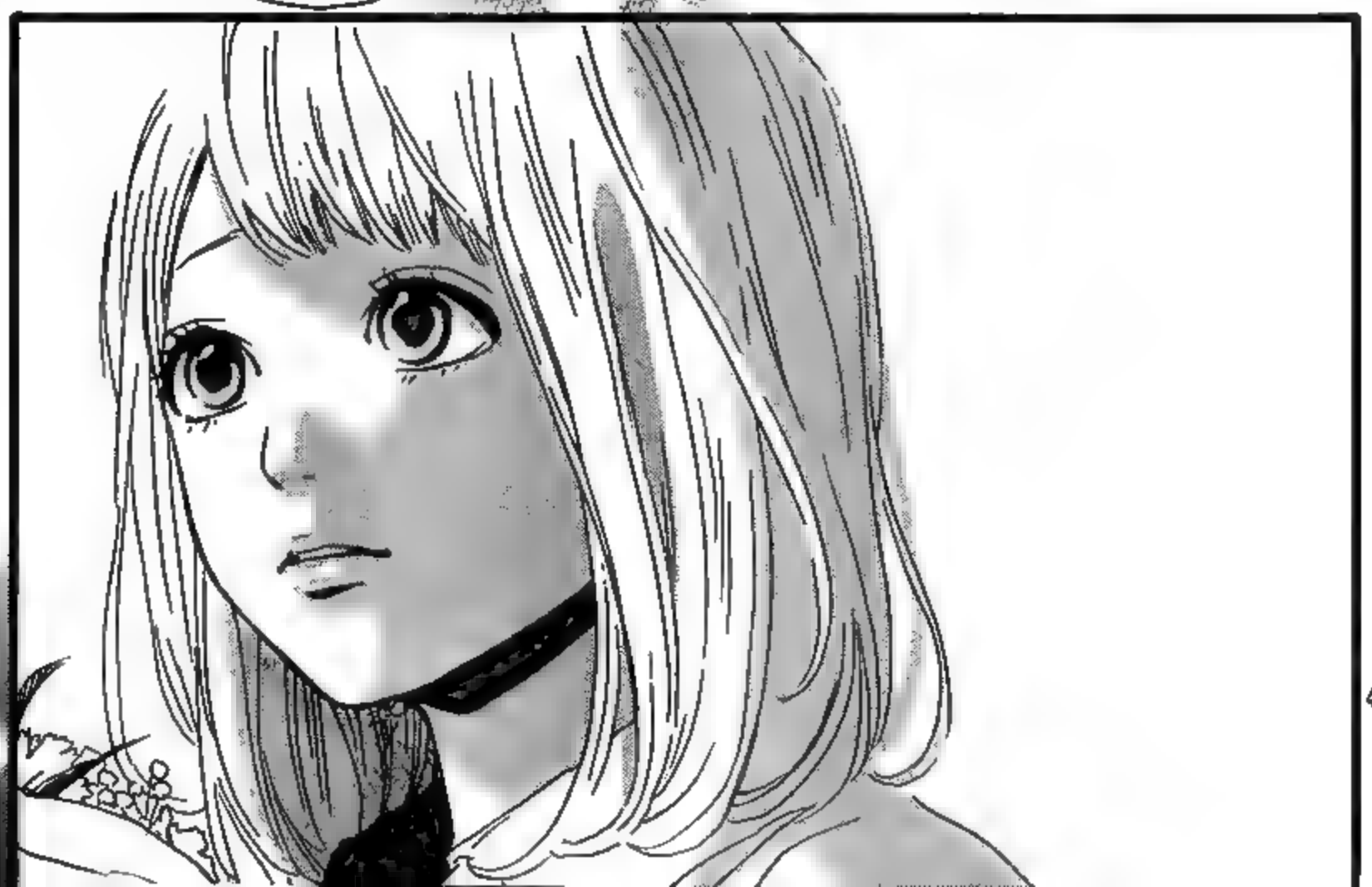
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE STANDING RIGHT THERE.

SINCE IT WAS YOU, I SAID IT.

I TOLD YOU I WOULD CONFESS TO YOU

AT... THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL,

OUT OF YOU THREE.



I'M SORRY THAT I DIDN'T ACTUALLY BUY THEM MYSELF,

BUT

I WANT YOU

TO SEE MY FEELINGS.

Back then, I

Couldn't really support Kakeru and Naho together.

But after Kakeru died, Naho would just sit there and cry.

I always regretted not being able
to see the two of them get together.

So what I really want for you to do is watch over them as much as possible.

It'll probably be painful to watch the girl you like like that, but...

But you have soccer.
Please, make soccer the biggest love of your life.

So please see

The feelings Kakeru and Naho have for each other.

"I WANT YOU TO SEE THEM."

So that we can see

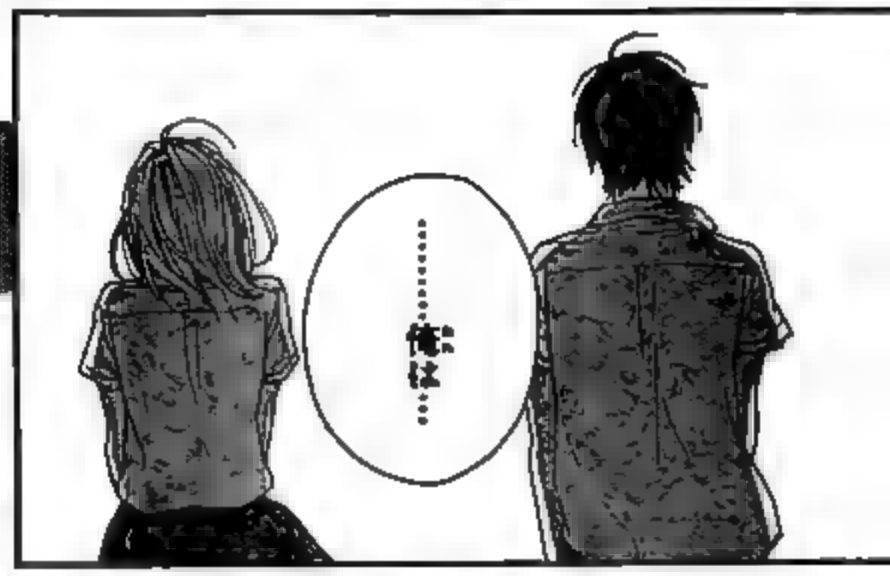
Naho and Kakeru smiling together ten years in the future.

I leave them to you.

TO BE CONTINUED IN ISSUE 2 OF BETSUMA, WHICH COMES OUT JAN. 15TH IN JAPAN!

※NO ORANGE CHAPTER NEXT MONTH (DEC.)!
SEE YOU IN THE FEBRUARY (JAN.) ISSUE!

高野苺の最新MC



『未来を変えるには きっと今までの自分を変える事』

orange
【オレンジ】 no.2

「翔がいない未来」を変えようと、手紙の指示を実行していく菜穂。しかし、未来と現在は別世界（パラレルワールド）かもしれないと知ります。
さらに手紙と現実の出来事に食い違いが増えて…。

2巻発売記念
プレゼント企画もあるよ♪
詳しくは7Pに!!

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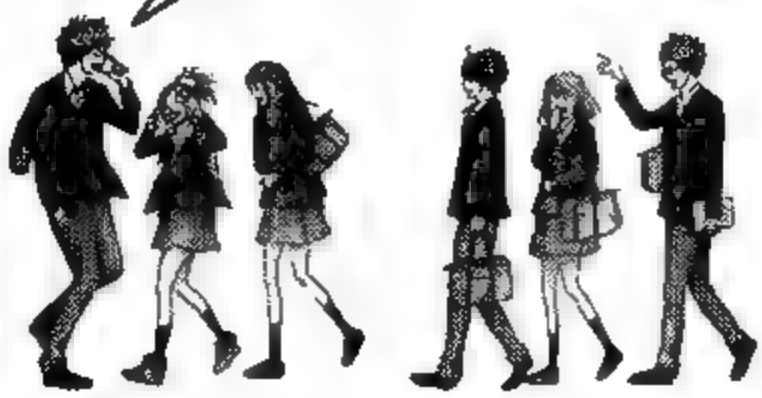

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I HOPE YOU REALIZE...
...HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU.
L...

EPISODE 10

...SHARED HIS FEELINGS WITH ME.
KAKERU...

YOU DON'T..
..HAVE TO ANSWER!
I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU HOW I FELT..
AN ANSWER...
OKAY.

I FEEL
HOT
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT...
MY ANSWER IS OBVIOUS.
THE SAME WAY ABOUT HIM
MORNIN'!

MY PRESENT
AH ..
AH!
THANKS FOR USING THE BAG!

YOU'RE NOT GONNA ANSWER HIM?
EXACTLY THE SAME
HUH?
HEY, GET OUTTA HERE!
AREN'T YOU GONNA ANSWER HIM?
SO?
I CAME TO HELP
IF YOU'VE COME TO GET IN THE WAY, GO HOME!

...MAYBE IT WOULD BOTHER HIM..
IF I ANSWER HIM.
AFTER ALL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, NAHO!
JUST TELL HIM EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.
EXACTLY?
PEET
Huh?
NAHO..
JUST MAKE SURE
CUT IT OUT
YOU DO ANSWER HIM.

NAHO, REALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
DON'T BULLY HER
FAP
I'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU TREAT ME LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS TREATED ME.
WON'T TALK ABOUT PUTTING UP A FRONT
SHUT UP AZU
I WONDER
...WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?
LET'S GO, SUWA
WELL, I'LL CARRY THIS.
YEAH, YEAH.
PING PONG

KAKERU SAID
?
NAHO!
!
..THAT HAIRSTYLE IS CUTE!
HAGITA-KUN! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?
HUH? YES, YOU DID. I HEARD YOU.
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
HM WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
...IF I DID TELL HIM HOW I FELT..
I WONDER WHAT KAKERU WOULD THINK
SUWA, LET'S GO TO THE CLUB.
SORRY.
YOU GO ON AHEAD I'LL BE THERE SOON.
OKAY. THEN I'LL SEE YOU THERE.
YEP.

NAHO!
CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SEC?
HUH?
LISTEN
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S IN YOUR LETTER TOO, BUT HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING FOR THE 23RD?
YOU MEAN SEPTEMBER 23RD?
YEAH
LET ME SEE
SORRY 'BOUT THIS
IT'S OKAY.
THERE IS SOMETHING.
September 23rd
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

SEPTEMBER 23RD

THIS IS WHAT I HEARD FROM KAKERU'S GRANDMOTHER AFTER HE DIED.
KAKERU ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON THIS DAY.
SHE SAID HE HANGED HIMSELF WITH A TOWEL IN HIS BEDROOM AND WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL UNCONSCIOUS.
KAKERU WAS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL DAYS, STARTING ON THE 24TH. THE REASON WAS THAT HE WAS HOSPITALIZED.

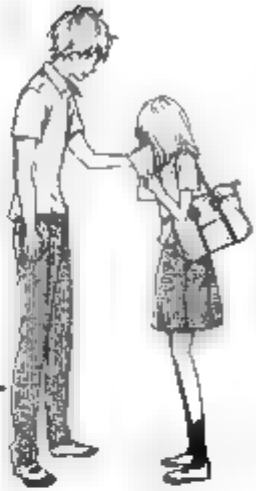
ON THE OTHER HAND
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SUICIDE STILL IS IN HIS FUTURE.
BUT THE WORLD OF THE LETTERS AND OUR WORLD ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
IT SAID THE SAME THING IN MY LETTER
THE WAY OUR KAKERU IS NOW, MAYBE THERE IS NO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN HIS FUTURE.

KAKERU..
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, AND FAST
KAKERU
IT'S OKAY. I'LL DO SOMETHING
NAHO .

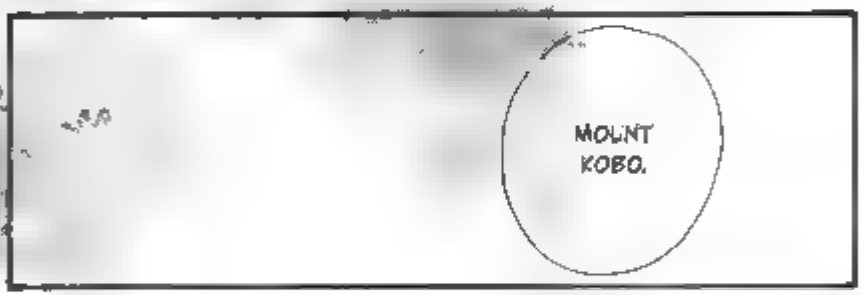
THE DAY BEFORE, KAKERU MET A FRIEND FROM HIS OLD SCHOOL.

HE TOLD THE FRIEND ABOUT HIS MOTHER'S SUICIDE AND THAT HE WANTED TO DIE TOO. APPARENTLY

BUT THE FRIEND THOUGHT HE WAS ONLY JOKING AND LAUGHED AT HIM.



I WANT YOU TWO TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT HIS FEELINGS.



IT WAS THE DAY BEFORE HE DIED.

THERE WAS A POINT WHEN I WAS ON THE VERGE OF TELLING KAKERU HOW I FELT ABOUT HIM

IS THAT VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE?
AH!
YOU GONNA GIVE IT TO SOME-BODY?
YEAH
HUH..
TO A GUY THAT YOU LIKE?
YEAH
OH I SEE.

THAT'LL BE ALL FOR TODAY.
BYE, NAHO.

DON'T FORGET TO GIVE YOUR CHOCOLATE TO THAT GUY.
I COULDN'T DO IT...
I KNEW THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY CHANCES I WAS GIVEN, I JUST WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT
JUST LIKE I WASN'T ABLE TO GIVE HIM THE LUNCH I'D MADE...
I COULDN'T GIVE IT TO HIM

BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT KAKERU WOULD THINK OF ME.

WHOOSH
WHAT'S THE "WHOOSH" FOR?
OH.
I WAS THINKING THAT AFTER THIS, MAYBE I'LL JUMP OUT THAT WINDOW AND FLY AWAY..
..LIKE SUPER-MAN.
..

BUT YOU CAN'T FLY, KAKERU.
HA HA
YOU TAKE EVERYTHING SO SERIOUSLY, NAHO I'M TALKING DAY-DREAMS!

IF I WERE SUPERMAN..
MAYBE I WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE MY MOTHER

...IS ACTING A LITTLE WEIRD RIGHT NOW.
I'M KIDDING.
OH, YEAH
KAKERU...
NO.
NEXT SATURDAY, I'M MEETING A FRIEND FROM TOKYO.
WHY NOT?
HUH?
DON'T!
WHY NOT ?
ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST A GUY
NO!

DON'T MEET HIM.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO ANSWER THAT?

WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO US?
ESPECIALLY NOW, WHEN YOU GOT SOMETHIN' WEIGHING ON YOUR MIND..
WHAT THE ?
HANG OUT WITH JS INSTEAD
HUH? WHAT THE HELL? YOU TOO, SUNA?

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
YOU HEARD FROM NAHO?
YEAH, SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE WE'RE CLOSE FRIENDS THAT YOU SHOULD TALK TO US!
I CONSIDER YOU GUYS CLOSE FRIENDS, SO WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER, I WANNA LAUGH.
WELL, THERE'S NO WAY
I CAN TALK TO YOU GUYS ABOUT THAT.

WE DON'T WANNA LAUGH WHILE BEING IGNORANT ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOIN' THROUGH, KAKERU
I'M POSITIVE THAT WE CAN HELP YOU.
IF THINGS ARE ROUGH, SAY SO!
..THAT YOU WANTED TO DIE?
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT..

YEAH
I HAVE.
EVERY SINGLE DAY
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
BECAUSE I BROKE THE PROMISE I MADE TO MY MOTHER ON THE DAY OF THE OPENING CEREMONY

"I KNEW THAT SHE REALLY NEEDED MY SUPPORT"
"I'M A TERRIBLE SON."
MY MOTHER DIED. IT'S MY FAULT.
BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS "A PAIN"
I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO COMFORT HIM THEN.
WHY COULDN'T I HAVE SAID ANYTHING MORE TO PUT HIS MIND AT EASE?
IF I'D BEEN ABLE TO SAY SOMETHING TO HIM THEN
BUT WHAT I HAVE SAID?

MY MOM HASSLES ME EVERY DAY.
I GET NAGGED TO STUDY, TO CLEAN MY ROOM...
"WHAT A PAIN" GOES THROUGH MY HEAD EVERY SINGLE DAY!
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL, KAKERU
EVERYBODY THINKS STUFF LIKE THAT
..IS "A PAIN"

I.
BUT
IT'S DIFFERENT!
STOP FEELING REGRET.
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.

IT'S NOT ABOUT "WHAT WILL KAKERU THINK OF ME?"

I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT HE'S NEEDED.
I JUST WANT HIM TO KNOW
HOW I FEEL.

I DON'T
.WANT TO LOSE YOU.
KAKERU...
DON'T DIE.
I FEEL...
...THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU.

I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU...
.. SO WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GO AWAY!

I SAID...
...YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO ANSWER ME.
THANK YOU.
SUWA, ARE YOU CRYING?
OF COURSE NOT!
I have hay fever!

...IS ALWAYS SMILING.
KAKERU...
EVEN WHEN HE'S SAD...
...HE SMILES LIKE ALWAYS.
BUT WHAT DOES "ALWAYS" MEAN?
HE'S SMILED LIKE THAT SINCE I FIRST MET HIM...

...FOR REAL.

...I WANT TO SEE KAKERU SMILE...

SOMEDAY...